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## Chapter 1 - Moving

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In comes the troublesome granddaughter of 12th's Teacher, Luo Wei Jie, she always tries to bully 12th whenever she has the chance, but she has never been successful so she became even more fired-up whenever she sees 12th. She truly did not want to give up which left 12th in a helpless situation.

"I don't know you!" 12th stated unhappily.

Luo Jie Wei walked over to 12th with a smile, she didn't care what 12th was saying. She was not as good with words as 12th, but when it came to sheer strength, 12th was not as strong as her since he was still only a 9 years old child. 12th was still incomparable to the adults of this world, even if they were females.

New phrases continued to be spoken, it made Luo Jie loudly laugh, he finally sighed, "Ah, it's a pity that 12th is a little too young, otherwise, it's a good idea to let Little Jie marry him."

12th was getting a headache from what his Teacher just said, it was the first time where he did not complain about his young age. If he was really to be married to this crazy women, it would truly be a tragedy.

Poor 12th was short and could not run as fast as Luo Wei Jie and since she was not a real enemy, it was impossible for Luo Zhen to come in or his Teacher to protect him. Soon, 12th was caught by Luo Wei Jie after running a few steps, she held him tight between her arms, and stretched out a hand to twisted his little face.

Luo Wei Jie said happily, “Continue running. I want to see where you can run to. Hehe.”

12th bitterly smiled in his mind, “Damn, I'm getting abused!” He surely understood that Luo Wei Jie had no bad intentions, she simply liked children. But, 12th was only a child on the surface, he is actually a reincarnated adult, how could he bear the abuse from a little girl.

Mmmmmwah!

Luo Wei Jie kissed 12th's little face very hard and said happily, “Little weasel, face so red, Haha!”

12th was extremely angry, he suddenly had a weird smile, “I don't care anymore, I'm going for it!”

Mmmmmwah!

12th unexpectedly kissed Luo Wei Jie on the lips, seeing how stunned Luo Wei Jie was, he said proudly, “It's only a kiss! Who is afraid of whom! I'm a pervert, I'm not afraid of a little girl!”

Luo Wei Jie was astonished, Luo Jie was also dumbfounded, it was not because of the kiss, it was because of what 12th have said, it was really shocking. A moment later, Luo Jie bursts out laughing, he was laughing until he was out of breath while pointing at 12th and panting, “You little bastard, Haha, Hahaha, you have personality! I like it! Haha! Haha! Little Jie, you'll have to suffer.”

The pity was that no matter how disgusting 12th's words were, it can only be considered cute instead of it being repulsive because it came out of a 9 years old's mouth. Luo Wei Jie was stunned for a bit before laughing, "This little child also knows how to take advantage of others. Hehe." As she said that, she held onto 12th even tighter.

12th complained continuously in his mind, how was that ineffective? 12th knew that he could not beg for mercy or say "Put me down" because it will only cause Luo Wei Jie to be even more proud. She simply enjoyed playing with children, at this point, 12th could only accept his fate.

"Call me sister!"

It was Luo Wei Jie's turn to be elated.

"Heads may be chopped off, blood may flow! But the dignity of a real man cannot be lost! I will not yield!"

Luo Wei Jie could not stop laughing, she was extremely happy and was about to say something, but all of a sudden 12th tickled her. She tried to resist but couldn't hold it in and began to laugh loudly. Her hands and feet weakened from laughing and 12th took the opportunity to slide down to the ground and quickly ran away. 12th thought that he has already suffered enough from being held onto by such a crazy girl, he wanted to run away no matter what.

"Teacher, I'm leaving! Girl, you wait and see!"

Luo Wei Jie pretended to be angry and shouted, “Stop there! You little wretch!”

Luo Jie smiled, “Little Jie, if 12th was a little older, you could not take advantage of him. Haha, this little child has already advanced to a FuZhou Knight.”

“Ah? Impossible! I have not even advanced to a FuZhou Knight yet, how could it be possible for 12th?”

Luo Jie became very serious and said, “You only know to play all day, 12th works very hard!”

Luo Wei Jie knows what happens when her grandpa starts preaching so she immediately said, “Ok, ok, I'm going to start working hard now!” She quickly ran away and disappeared.

Luo Jie smiled bitterly and thought to himself, this little girl has good potential, even though it's not as great as 12th's, it could still be classified as high-level potential. But, no matter how good her potential is, without putting in the effort, she could end up being even worse than a disciple with average potential. Luo Jie knew that he was the reason for her lack of effort, the little girl does not feel any pressure because her grandpa was a FuZhou Great Master. How could she progress further?

12th sat on the carriage and could not help laughing, he thought Luo Wei Jie was sometimes quite fun. 12th has had a masculine mentality since his previous lives so the harassment from Luo Wei Jie was unbearable for him. He sighed while looking at his small physique, although having the appearance of a child have some benefits, there are



still some inconveniences.

In the evening, 12th called over Huo Bao and his teammates, Luo Zhan and the Fu Warriors and said, “Let's all go to the FuZhou Hall tomorrow.”

Huo Bao asked, “12th, why are we going to the FuZhou Hall?”

12th smiled, “To get an advancement authentication, Haha, I'm advancing to a FuZhou Knight.”

Luo Zhan followed 12th to Luo Jie's estate in the morning, but he did not go inside so he did not know that 12th was advancing, he said in disbelief, “12th, you...you are advancing to a FuZhou Knight?”

12th smiled, “Teacher said I have already advanced and just need to go to the FuZhou Hall and get an authentication. Haha.” 12th was very happy after becoming a FuZhou Knight because it would enable him to learn more skills and also allow him to have more freedom within North Fu Sect.

Luo Zhan shook his head with a bitter smile and thought that a 9 years old FuZhou Knight is really rare, this child is really a monster.

“Congratulations, congratulations 12th.”

Huo Bao and the other 3 disciples were quiet, although they were very happy, they were worried as well, 12th wondered, “What's going on? You guys.”

Chen Bing sighed, “12th, you are already advancing, what are we going to do?”

Huo Bao nodded repeatedly, “Yes, what are we going to do? We don't know when we can advance, the gap between us will only get larger and larger.....”

12th smiled and banged his fist on Huo Bao. “You guys don't need to be so anxious, we are still young, we have plenty of time to grow. I don't plan on going to the outside world even after I have advanced, but, you guys need to seize this time to practice and become Fu Warriors as soon as possible.”

They were all relieved and understood 12th's intentions, Chen Bing said, “We will do our best!”

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The next morning, 12th woke up very early. He continued to sleep for only 4 hours a day while spending the rest of his time either cultivating, making Fu, or reading books. He dedicated 4 hours every evening on chanting the Inscriptions to strengthen his soul. Since the sleep quality was very high, he was always full of energy whenever he woke up.

In the small courtyard, 12th was stretching before performing a set of fist movements. This was a habit of his which was developed in his previous life. 12th did not know the name of the movement, he learned it from an old soldier from his previous life, he mainly performed it to stay physically active, it was not a very powerful movement.

Huo Bao and the 3 teammates woke up even earlier than 12th, they were already back from training and just finished cleaning up. They curiously gathered around 12th, watching him perform the movements, Luo Zhan and the 3 Fu Warriors also came back from training, they stood to the side and watched too.

Huo Bao curiously asked, “12th, which Martial Fu are you practicing?”

12th was stunned for a moment before smiling, “This is not Martial Fu, I'm just moving my body around.”

Luo Zhan and Huo Bao cannot be compared, Luo Zhan was a seasoned Fu Warrior Master, he was able to sense the killing intent from 12th's movements. It was definitely a Martial Fu, but it was different from the ones he has ever seen before, Luo Zhan wanted to learn more about it.

12th did not know what everyone was thinking about, he only performed the movements out of habit, it was a way for him to relax his body. After about 20 minutes, he finally stopped, Auntie Lan came over with a copper tub and said, "12th, wash up, it's time for breakfast. You guys stop standing around, go inside and eat!"

Auntie Lan has gained prestige within the small family, she was the major housekeeper, who wholeheartedly took care of 12th, everyone listened to her. Even Luo Zhan respected her, he quickly went inside with a smile.

Everyone was happy while eating breakfast. Afterwards, Luo Zhan ordered a carriage to take 12th's group to the FuZhou Hall.

When they arrived at the FuZhou Hall, they waited for Luo Jie.

The supervisor of the FuZhou hall was Chang Ye Ran, he knew that FuZhou Great Master Luo Jie was coming so he did not dare act negligent and arrived very early at the FuZhou Hall to wait. The existence of the 3 FuZhou Great Masters was very important in the North Fu Sect, they were the true powers of the Sect, Chang Ye Ran didn't dare treat Luo Jie without proper respect even if he was going to become a FuZhou Great Master soon.

Chang Ye Ran walked into the FuZhou Hall and saw 12th so he asked, "12th, what are you doing here?" He suddenly came to his senses and asked, "Are you waiting for your Teacher?"

12th walked forward and politely saluted before saying, "Grandpa Chang, my Teacher will be here soon."

Chang Ye Ran did not figure out the reason why Luo Jie was coming to the FuZhou Hall, he knew that Luo Jie only came by once every few years. Why is he suddenly showing interest to come by? He could not help but ask, "12th, do you know the reason why your Teacher is coming?"

12th smiled, "It shouldn't be a big deal." The advancement authentication for a disciple was not a big deal, so 12th did not say anything incorrect.

Chang Ye Ran sighed with relief and said, "Ai, he has not come for a long time.....and now he suddenly informs me that he is coming, Haha,

it's a scary feeling.....”

“Kid! Speaking ill of me!”

Luo Jie came in with a group of people, it scared Chang Ye Ran to a jump, he then smiled humbly and said, “Ah, Elder, how dare I speak ill of you.” Although Chang Ye Ran was always full of authority within the FuZhou Hall, in front of Luo Jie he couldn't even fart. Luo Jie has very high prestige and power within the North Fu Sect.

“Elder, what are your orders? I will do it!”

12th looked at Chang Ye Ran, who was working very hard trying to suck up to Luo Jie, 12th thought to himself. Regardless which world it is, having strength is glorious.

Luo Jie said with a smile, “It's nothing serious, it's about my disciple, Hmm, a trivial matter.”

Chang Ye Ran glanced at 12th, patted his chest and said, “Your orders!”

Luo Jie said with a childish smile, “Do the authentication for 12th's advancement to a FuZhou Knight.”

Chang Ye Ran casually answered, “No problem! Ah? 12th's advancement to a FuZhou Knight? That.....that...that is not possible!” Chang Ye Ran knew very well when 12th arrived to the North Fu Sect and how long he has been a disciple, but now 12th was already advancing to a FuZhou Knight? It was too unbelievable!

Luo Jie laughed happily and said, “Why not!” Luo Jie was very proud, this disciple of his truly lived up to his expectations, 12th had very good potential and was also very hardworking, it made him feel very happy.

The advancement authentication was very simple, the disciple is required to activate a few one-time use Attack Fu and make 10 one-time use Attack Fu. They will advance as long as their results reached the benchmarks. As for making Treasure Fu, they will also have to reach the benchmark of successfully making 2 out of 10.

With the power of his soul, 12th launched 30 one-time use Attack Fu at once, causing everyone present to be dumbfounded. This was not the strength of a Junior level FuZhou Knight, it was actually closer to the Immediate level.

Next was Fu making. 12th surprised everyone once again, he successfully made 9 Fu out of 10, this was the best result he could have given. Chang Ye Ran directly announced 12th's successful advancement at that point, he did not require 12th to make Treasure Fu because it was meaningless. 12th has already reached a level higher than Junior Fu Masters with the high success rate of Fu making.

Under the envious eyes of Chang Ye Ran, 12th became the youngest FuZhou Knight in North Fu Sect.

12th received a new identification card and went home with his Teacher, Luo Jie.

Luo Jie could not hide the happiness on his face, the old man was very

happy, he was very satisfied with his youngest disciple, he said, “12th, you can move in to my estate, I will teach you personally from now on. I will have someone clear out a big courtyard for you, Hmm, just go and see Uncle Hu for anything you need, you do not need to ask for my permission.”

“I have accepted a few hundred disciples in my life, more than 30 of them are still alive, but most of them are dead. Among those that are still alive, 7 or 8 of them are crippled, they are outside protecting their family's businesses and the rest of them are still traveling. They rarely come back to the North Fu Sect, only 5 or 6 of them come back a bit more often, it's a pity that none of my disciples have advanced to a FuZhou Great Master yet.”

Luo jie smacked his lips regrettably and continued, “I have stopped accepting disciples 70 years ago, I did not expect myself to accept a little child like you at such an old age. Haha, you have lived up to my expectations, advancing to a FuZhou Knight with less than a year's study. 12th, although you have given me many surprises, as your Teacher, I will have to remind you.....”

12th respectfully nodded and said, “Teacher, whatever you say, your disciple will obey it.”

“12th, you are still young, your age is an advantage, but the flaws are also obvious. You still lack experience and knowledge, you have only touched the edge of the contents within the disciple's period, you have not spend enough time to completely master them. For example, you can only recognize a few specific Fu Inscriptions and Fu Patterns, you have not actually learned it as a whole. You also lack knowledge in other areas, so you have to continue studying even harder, everything will require a long time to accumulate, you will not be able to accomplish

everything overnight.”

“.....Do not be complacent because of the FuZhou Knight advancement, you need to continue on with your original spirit of hardwork and continue to learn.....”

If 12th was truly a child, perhaps he would not care about what Luo Jie was saying or even think that his Teacher was nagging him. But with the soul of an adult, he could clearly feel his Teacher's earnest expectations, he has been deeply touched.

12th said sincerely, “Teacher, please rest assured, I will take the time to study and absolutely not slack off, I will catch up to the content that is left from the disciple's period.”

Luo Jie nodded with satisfaction and said, “I will order someone to help you move, Hmm, you go home and pack up first, you'll move here tomorrow.”

12th went into the underground laboratory and packed everything up, especially the books. As for all the other trivial things, he let Auntie Lan handle it, he also asked Auntie Xin to sell all the remaining flour since everything will now be provided for by Luo Jie when they move into his estate. 12th was not concerned about making money now.

With Luo Jie's powerful background, of course 12th did not refuse moving in. The conditions for living in the estate were too good, especially the learning conditions. Luo Jie had a huge library, a huge material storage room, and had access to all kinds of equipments. With such a good environment, 12th has gained a huge benefit in helping him



further his studies.

Luo Jie sent a couple of carriages along with a dozen servants over to 12th's, they were able to quickly move everything from 12th's courtyard to a courtyard in Luo Jie's estate. The new courtyard was against a stream and surrounded by some other courtyards separated by a few hundred meters. There were dense orchards grown around the courtyard and above the courtyard gate there was a plaque, which read, Ravine Lodge.

The main building is a two-story building with the Fu Making Hall underground, it met the standards of a FuZhou Knight, the building was very well arranged. 12th was fond of the courtyard from his first sight. Ravine Lodge, a very elegant courtyard with streams flowing in the front with a small pond alongside it.

Near the pond a yellow bamboo grove was grown, when there was a breeze, the bamboo would sway along with it, it was an extremely elegant sight. The pond was very shallow and clear, the smooth pebbles can be clearly seen at the bottom of the pond, dozens of colorful carps were swimming around in the waters. 12th noticed that hidden underneath the pond should be a hot spring.

Huo Bao, Chen Bing, Hong Shi and Chen Hong were not into the beautiful scenery of the courtyard, their impressions of the courtyard was that it was a place that was big and had a lots of open terrain. They were all running around, playing and laughing happily. 12th was the only one who stood next to the pond thinking about his life's good fortunes, another one of his life's greatest pleasures was to live alongside beautiful scenery.

With a road inlaid with cobblestone, twisting along the forest path, far

away there was a small building with the roof which can be seen over the tree-tops. That was the building of 12th's courtyard, it was surrounded by silence and only the songs of birds can be heard within the forest.

12th stood by the pond for only a short moment, he understood that he could not indulge in the beautiful scenery, his main priority was to cultivate.

12th rearranged the underground Fu Making Hall. Ravine Lodge was originally the residence of another FuZhou Knight, so the Fu Making Hall was excellent and big, it was twice as big as the one 12th used before. There were more rooms within the Hall, the walls were all reinforced with Fu Inscriptions and there was even an area for testing the power of an Attack Fu.

12th has lived through 3 lives, the longer he lived the less reckless he became. 12th was extremely persistent in learning survival skills and the cultivation of his soul. Right now, he was most concerned about his cultivation, he was very satisfied with the Fu Making Hall, which was his laboratory. After careful inspection he began to clean up and set up his equipment, he was going to spend most of his time here.

For the last set of basic FuZhou cultivation movements, 12th has been thinking about it for a long time. He has completely understood the previous 8 sets, but the last set has left him confused. It was not because the movements were too difficult, it was because whenever he cultivated with the movements there were tremors going on within his soul, it was a phenomenon which has never occurred within the previous sets.

The soul had a vital importance to 12th, he hesitated to take risks on it and was therefore reluctant to continue cultivating with the last set of

movements. He was afraid that it might damage his soul which would affect his future reincarnation.

But if he did not continue cultivating the last set of movements, his FuZhou power would be incomplete, it was contradictory to his desires. If he took this step, the risk was going to be his soul, it would either be very good or very bad.

12th hesitated for a long time and finally decided to continue cultivating, he could not stop here. Being only a FuZhou Knight, he was still a weak presence within the world, he might even be dead before his next reincarnation. The world was not as peaceful as he thought, so he believed it was necessary to take the risk.

12th was trembling with fear when he cultivated the last set of movements. He was deep in thought after he was finished cultivating. The tremors within his soul was not as severe because the movements were not done smoothly. 12th thought that it was fine to practice the set of movement, there should not be any big problems. But why is his soul having tremors? It was really confusing.

Since 12th determined that there was no harm, he decided to continue cultivating.

Repeatedly performing the sets of movements was 12th's cultivation habit. 12th had to fully understand each movement until the whole set has been engraved within his soul. It can only be considered finished when he could skillfully perform the movements without thinking.

For three days, besides dinner, 12th has spent all his time in the

underground Hall and repeatedly practiced the movements until he was fully familiarized. 12th was not in a hurry to combine all 9 sets of movements together, he would sometimes take out a book and begin reading.

After resting for two days, 12th went outside. There was a small area in the bamboo grove near the pond and he decided to cultivate the complete set of FuZhou basic movements there. This was in accordance with what the Record Book said, 12th usually cultivated wherever he wished, but for the first complete cultivation of the 9 sets of movements it was better to be within the bamboo grove.

Before, 12th did not know that the bamboo groves were there to assist with the cultivation of FuZhou power.

In fact, with the successful completion of all the basic movements, it was an indication for a disciple to advance to a FuZhou Knight. Since the power of 12th's soul was very strong he had enough FuZhou power to advance before learning the complete sets of basic movements.

12th was very careful, he went to Luo Zhan and asked him to bring a few Fu Warriors to guard him, it would be troublesome if he was disturbed during the cultivation. Although the disturbance would not harm him, it was undesirable to be interrupted midway.

Starting from the first movement of the first set, 12th performed them one after another, he was fully immersed within his cultivation and soon his eyes were closed and he was cultivating unconsciously. 12th was able to perform all the movement completely unconscious.

Luo Zhan was standing close by, he was responsible for 12th's safety, his attention was focused on 12th's surroundings and of course 12th himself. After 12th began cultivating he noticed something strange, 12th's presence was suddenly disappearing, but he could still clearly see 12th, it was a really strange feeling for Luo Zhan.

Suddenly, Luo Zhan turned around because he heard footsteps coming from the small path.

## Chapter 2 - The Legend of the Mysterious Lands

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Luo Zhan quietly jumped up and ran straight to where the footsteps came from. When he saw who it was his heart relaxed a little, he went over to the person and ordered her to stop, "Little Jie, don't go over there, 12th is cultivating."

Luo Wei Jie was surprised and said, "Uncle Luo, 12th is cultivating? Oh, 12th has moved into the Ravine Lodge, Hehe, ok, I'll stay here, I won't go over." She knew that it was not a good idea to disturb someone when they were cultivating. The truth was that she really enjoyed being around 12th, she especially liked to tease him, she thought the child was very interesting.

12th was performing all the movements of the 9 basic sets unconsciously, his speed was not fast, but he was extremely accurate. At the moment when 12th completed the movements, his soul began to expand very fast and started to rumble, as if thunderbolts were exploding in his ears, his soul power was increasing. Afterwards an invisible force exploded outwards causing all the bamboo to crash against each other, the sound of the bamboos rustling against each other is the only thing that can be heard.

12th slowly sat down and began chanting unconsciously. The 167 word inscription has already been engraved deeply within his soul, although 12th was in an dazed state, he could still correctly chant the inscriptions.

Every word of the inscription was having an impact on his soul, every word was causing 12th to feel happier, the feeling was similar to when he first started cultivating FuZhou power. 12th felt very comfortable and

happy when he chanted, as if he had the ability to fly.

12th's soul has went through a rite of passage, it has become stronger once again.

To 12th, it felt like his soul has been reborned, he felt it has become twice as strong as before. And to 12th's surprise his soul was emitting a feeling of boundless confidence and power, it was the first time he has ever felt it.

12th did not dare continue cultivating FuZhou power, he sat down and began whispering the Soul Inscriptions, it was causing his soul to feel refreshed, it was a truly pleasurable feeling which was difficult for him to stop.

12th stopped chanting after two hours. He inspected himself and was shocked to find that his FuZhou power has increased 4 times, his cultivation speed was truly monstrous.

When 12th got up and noticed that his hearing and vision has improved, he was able to hear sounds from faraway, he heard someone say, "How can he cultivate for such a long time? I think we should go check if there is anything wrong." 12th could not help but shiver, he knew that it was Luo Wei Jie.

"Don't go over there, 12th will come out when he is done, you will only disturb him if you go."

Luo Zhan was doing his job and stopped her.

12th placed a finger in front of his mouth and hinted the Fu Warriors around him to not to say anything. He sneaked around the pond to avoid the road and quickly ran back home, he did not want to encounter the crazy girl because he was busy and did not have time to quarrel with her.

Luo Wei Jie was still disputing with Luo Zhan and a while after 12th left, the three Fu Warriors came out. Seeing them, Luo Zhan asks, "Is 12th done cultivating?"

Zhang Da Kui smiled and said, "12th is done, Haha, he left already."

Luo Wei Jie was angry, she stomped her feet and said, "Uncle Luo! This is all your fault....."

Luo Zhan smiled, "No, it's not my fault, Little Jie, It's 12th who does not want to see you. Haha, we have to go. Little Jie, 12th is probably in the Fu Making Hall, you won't be able to see him even if you come over." The Fu Making Hall was locked by default, nobody would be able to enter without the consent of the owner. This was a policy from the FuZhou Knights and Fu Knights.

Luo Wei Jie turned around and angrily left while saying, "Ok then, we live so close to each other, I don't believe you will hide forever."

Luo Zhan shook his head, he did not understand why Luo Wei Jie was causing trouble for 12th. Although he could tell that she was not malicious, 12th was only a 9 years old child and has never offended her, he did not understand why she was always teasing him. "Little Jie, stop teasing 12th, he might yield to friendly persuasion but not by force."



Luo Wei Jie slowed down a little and then quickly walked away.

Zhang Da Kui whispered, “Do Little Jie have feelings for 12th?”

Luo Zhan shouted with a smile, “Nonsense, 12th is only 9 years old! Hmm, I'm guessing Little Jie is just being playful..... Ah, poor 12th, forget about it, it's none of our business, let's go back to dinner.” Luo Zhan did not care about their relationship, as long as 12th was safe he did not need to worry about any other issues.

12th hid underground, he sat on the chair and was annoyed. If he was really a child, then there might be a chance to get closer to Luo Wei Jie, but he has the soul of an adult, he did not want to get tangled up with a twenty years old girl. It will only end up with both of them suffering, so his only option was to hide.

12th has completed the cultivation of all the basic movements and now he has to learn the higher level movements so he went over to his Teacher's estate the next day.

Luo Jie was in a daze when he saw 12th, he did not expect 12th's strength to substantially increase again. What is going on with 12th?

“12th, why is your strength increasing so fast?”

12th smiled, “Teacher, I've completed the 9 sets of basic movements for FuZhou cultivation yesterday. Haha, after the completion.....I became like this, I don't understand why my strength is increasing so fast either.”

Luo Jie was a little shocked and said, “Eh? You didn't finish the basic movements when you advanced?”

12th said, “Yea, I've only cultivated up to the 8th set and did not complete the last set yet.”

Luo Jie was lost in thought. It was usually impossible to advance before cultivating all the basic FuZhou movements, but 12th somehow did it and his FuZhou level was even greater than others. As for the basic movements, a person's strength will rise one level after completeing each set. The 3rd, 6th, and 9th set were the most critical, especially the 9th and upon completion one's FuZhou power would reach a certain level where it was enough to advance to a FuZhou Knight.

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12th felt a little uneasy seeing his Teacher silent, he asked carefully, “Teacher, are there any problems?”

Luo Jie said with a bitter smile, “There are no problems, but I don't understand why your powers are increasing so fast, with your current speed you will soon reach the levels of a FuZhou Master and...I don't know if that's good or bad, however I will help you no matter what

happens."

Luo Jie was a little worried because he has never seen a 9 years old FuZhou Knight before and the same 9 years old's FuZhou powers were still rapidly increasing. Since there have never been instances of this happening before, Luo Jie was truly confused, he did not know if it was good or bad, it was inevitable for him to feel a little fear. Fortunately, Luo Jie's cultivation was very powerful he believed that there would not be any problems as long as 12th was by his side.

12th also smiled bitterly and said, "It's a pain when the cultivation is too slow, it's a pain when the cultivation is too fast, Ai, life.....is tough."

"Smack!"

Luo Jie roughly slapped 12th on his head and shouted, "Only a 9 years old little wimp, why are you complaining?"

12th did not feel any anger when his Teacher called him a little wimp, he was truly a little wimp. He shamelessly smiled and said, "Teacher, I'm only complaining a little, Ah, Teacher you can't hit me on the head, I'll become stupid!"

Luo Jie was dumbfounded, he said "Stop complaining! You have to slow down on your cultivation and focus more on Fu making and learning the ways of a FuZhou Knight, all the other things are not as important. You are lacking a lot of knowledge and will have to make it up as soon as possible. Go into my library and pick out a few books, I'll make a special Fu Book for you to carry."

“We'll be departing in about 20 days, it's going to be a long journey. Hmm, on the way you will need to use that time to read. As for Fu Control, I'll help you get a few specialized Treasure Fu so you can practice, you'll need to get familiarized with them.”

12th understood that his Teacher was thinking about him, but he had other plans. He would not slow down his learning, Fu Control, and Fu Making. He would not slowdown his Fu cultivation either. He did not know if it was good or bad for his FuZhou powers to increase so fast, but the only thing he knew was that the faster he cultivated, the stronger he would be, which would mean the higher his chances of surviving outside would be. In this life, being able to survive is most important for 12th.

12th said, “Teacher, I want to learn how to make Hidden Fu.”

Luo Jie said, “Hidden Fu.....We usually start learning about Hidden Fu making when we reach the levels of Fu Master or FuZhou Master, you, who recently advanced to a FuZhou Knight want learn such high-level Fu already?”

12th had no other choice, he could only rely on acting silly, since he was a child he could tease his Teacher into teaching him. 12th was using disgusting words, which gave himself goosebumps, he truly despised himself for acting like that.

Luo Jie really liked his little disciple, seeing 12th try so hard to win his favor with sweet words which ended up being nonsense, Luo Jie couldn't decide to either cry nor laugh. He knew that 12th really wanted to learn Hidden Fu and said, “Ok, ok, I'll teach you. Ah, why did I receive such a mischievous disciple at this old age?” Even though he was complaining, he was not using a complaining tone, his words were full of fondness.

12th enjoyed being spoiled, otherwise he would not act so silly. He decided to do this kind of thing as little as possible since he felt a little embarrassed and a little ashamed. Fortunately, his Teacher agreed, otherwise he really did not know when to stop acting so silly. He broke out in a cold sweat thinking about it.

“Thank you Teacher, Teacher is the best!”

12th despised himself again, but in order to learn about Hidden Fu, he did not care.

Luo Jie was truly a FuZhou Great Master, he gave 12th a book that was focused on the creation method of Hidden Fu, he also told 12th to ask Uncle Hu to go to the material storage room to get the required materials. He reminded 12th, “The materials for making Hidden Fu are valuable, try not to waste them during the process. Try using the specified amounts of materials when making Hidden Fu as much as you can. Once the Innate Fu is set, you can plan the layout of the Innate Fu Book, Hidden Fu is an important part of an Innate Fu Book.

12th was very interested and asked, “Hidden Fu is part of the Innate Fu Book? Teacher, an Innate Fu Book is the proof of a Master level individual, but what is it?”

Luo Jie said, “The proof of advancement for a FuZhou Master is the successful formation of their Innate Fu, that is the most crucial step. The first Innate Fu will become the core of their Innate Fu Book, it's not used for attacks, but will become the foundation for one's future cultivation, it's a very crucial Fu. After the successful formation of one's first Innate

Fu, only then can they try to form their second Innate Fu, which will be the Hidden Fu, which relies on the first Innate Fu.

“That is to say, the successful formation of a Hidden Fu will become an addition to your Innate Fu. After successfully forming the Hidden Fu, one can then put Fu in it, Treasure Fu, any other Fu and even one-time use Fu, but noone usually puts those in a Hidden Fu because it's a waste. When the Hidden Fu is full, one can then form another one. Haha, you will become a Great Master when you have formed your 10th Hidden Fu.”

“One Innate Fu plus 9 Hidden Fu, these 10 Fu will form into an Innate Fu Volume or Innate Fu Book which is the proof of a Great Master. It's like a gate, if one can successfully pass through that gate then they will reach the levels of a Great Master, Haha, but unfortunately.....not many people could pass through the gate, it's truly difficult.”

At that point, 12th understood the meaning of someone with an Innate Fu Book. It is like they have become a large stronghold, a mobile fortress, a walking artillery base.

Each Hidden Fu could hold 10 Treasure Fu and the Innate Fu Book could hold 100 Hidden Fu, if only half of the Hidden Fu were used to hold Treasure Fu, there would be a total of 500 Treasure Fu. If each Treasure Fu could be activated twice, then there would be 1000 attacks. It's no wonder why FuZhou Great Masters are so powerful.

12th suddenly thought of something and asks, “Teacher, what is Magic Fu?”

Luo Jie’s face twitched a bit before saying,, “Magic Fu, Magic Fu.....Ah,

Magic Fu are really good, but regarding the creation method for Magic Fu.....there are not many left, it will soon become lost. Simply put, Magic Fu is better than Treasure Fu, Magic Fu will naturally replenish its own powers after a certain number of activations. When added to one's Innate Fu, their power will greatly increase.

12th said, "There are such treasures? Teacher, do you have any?"

Luo Jie scolded with a smile, "You little brat, you dare ask that question? From now on you'll need to become more cautious, if you get your hands on Magic Fu, the less people who knows will be better. Those stuff will make people jealous, Master level individuals will try to steal it from you. And of course I have Magic Fu, without mentioning Magic Fu I even have Ancient Fu.....your Teacher have 2!"

12th became extremely curious and asked, "Bone Fu? Isn't Bone Fu common?"

*[t/n] Ancient Fu and Bone Fu are both Gu Fu, they sound the same, but have different characters.*

Luo Jie knew that 12th have misunderstood him and said, "I'm talking about Ancient Fu. It's said that these types of Fu have been passed down since ancient times, they are very rare. All Ancient Fu are considered priceless, they are the best with one's Innate Fu, but the creation methods has already been completely lost.

12th asked, "Where did Teacher's Ancient Fu come from?"

Luo Jie said, "I got it from the Mysterious Lands, numerous FuZhou Knights have journeyed into the Mysterious Lands since long ago. There are Ancient Fu with the ancient people who have died there, but it is very difficult trying to find their remains and even if you are lucky enough to find one you are not guaranteed that an Ancient Fu is there. And if there was an Ancient Fu, it might not even be complete, Ancient Fu are very rare.

*[t/n] I think each Sect have their own Mysterious Zones, the North Fu Sect calls theirs the Mysterious Lands, while the West Fu Sect/Beast Fu Sect calls it the Mysterious Region of Wild Beasts.*

12th was stunned again, he never could have imagined that there existed such treasures. He said, "Teacher, What is the Mysterious Lands?" 12th seems to have vaguely heard about it before, but didn't pay attention to it at that time. Now, after learning about Ancient Fu he has become interested in the Mysterious Lands.

Luo Jie said, "On this continent, there are many Mysterious Lands' entrances, but not many of them are known and most Mysterious Lands are small. It's said that FuZhou was obtained and inherited from the Mysterious Lands, it's like another world, very different from this continent."

12th still did not fully understand what the Mysterious Lands were. This was because of his teachings from his previous life, this did not mean that 12th did not believe that such things existed. After his successful reincarnations he was convinced of the existences of the soul and spirit. And after coming to this FuZhou world, he was able to be fully convinced that the Mysterious Lands existed, but he was confused over the concept of the whole thing. 12th then asks, "How do you get into the Mysterious Lands?"



“There are two methods to go into the Mysterious Lands, the known and unknown methods. The known method is to basically wait at the known locations of the entrance and wait at a specific time for it to open. The unknown method.....will depend on one's luck, one might encounter the entrance at a valley or maybe even see the entrance through a streak of light, the Mysterious Lands are truly strange and diverse, each one is different.”

Luo Jie continued, “It's said that some Mysterious Lands will even lead one to another continent, but that is only a legend, it has never been confirmed. Maybe someone went to a different continent, but never came back. Haha, we have been going crazy trying to find entrances for the Mysterious Lands since we were young. I've found two Ancient Fu from a very small Mysterious Land, but unfortunately I was only able to stay for 7 days before getting forced out.”

“The Mysterious Lands are very dangerous, there are many dangerous beasts and strange traps inside. People who go inside usually fight against each other, nobody can be trusted even if they are from the same Sect. Only your friends and teammates can protect you, everyone else cannot be trusted.

12th said thoughtfully, “Hmm, I understand, with all the the precious materials and Ancient Fu, when there is something rare enough it will cause others to be greedy, which makes them dangerous. I'm guessing a lot of people dies inside the Mysterious Lands.”

Luo Jie said, “Yes there are many who have died inside, many were just people who have just advanced from the disciple level, they were very eager to go inside the Mysterious Lands, but ended up dying because

they did not have enough strength. So, before you reach the levels of a FuZhou Master, you have to hold your urges of going inside the Mysterious Lands, but it should not be a problem if you enter the known entrances when it is organized by the Sect. It will still be very dangerous, but it has almost been completely explored.

12th nodded, he did not want to die inside the Mysterious Lands. Even if there were numerous treasures inside, it would all be useless if he lost his life.

The truth was that 12th did not realize that there are many things that were out of his control in this world, even when he has lived through 3 lives, nothing has changed.

“Teacher, how long will it take us.....to arrive at the Beast Fu Sect?”

Luo Jie said, “The West Fu Sect is very faraway, if a small group was traveling, for example, a combat squad, they might only need half a year, but for a whole troop of people, Haha they will need about a year.....it's a rare opportunity so many people are interested in going.

12th was surprised and said, “That far?”

Luo Jie said, “It's not that far, we will be going along a few paths with boats, if we travel the whole way by walking then it will not strange if it takes us 2 years to arrive. In addition, it will be more dangerous to travel the whole way by walking, not only will there be attacks from savages and beast, there will also be attacks from bandits who are trying to steal. Those who are powerful enough to walk the whole way are all Masters of a Sect or a strong caravan group.”

12th asked, “Teacher, how many people will be going with us this time to the Beast Fu Sect?”

Luo Jie smiled and said, “It will mostly be those of the Inner Court, there will be 2 Great Masters, dozens of Zhou Masters, Fu Masters, and FuZhou Masters, each of them will probably bring along dozens of people, Hmm, and a large caravan group will be coming together with us. Since the group belongs to the North Fu Sect, I'm guessing that the total will be around 2 to 3 thousand people.”

12th discovered that the people of this world really enjoyed going out in groups, especially large groups with thousands of people. When 2 to 3 thousand people travelled along with their carriages, horses, track hounds, and cargoes, it will be extremely big. 12th asked, “Teacher, what are we going to do in the Beast Fu Sect?”

Luo Jie said, “Communicate, compete, study, trades for items and materials, trades of unique FuZhou.....these are the functions of the Four Alliance, but the truth was that everyone was only interested in trading items and materials. As for communication, learning, and FuZhou trades, they have long stopped.” He continued, “Ah, people still compete, a competition against each other.....Hmm, in the competitions last time, dozens of people died, it turned into a mutual slaughter.

12th was curious, “Do we have conflicts with the Beast Fu Sect?”

Luo Jie smiled, “All the Sects.....have conflicts, we are only united on the surface. Be careful when you are outside and meet people from the other Sects, I cannot say that everyone from the other Sects are bad, but

if you are not vigilant, then it will not be strange to be killed by them."

12th nodded and said, "Hmm, I will take the initiative to fight when I meet people from other Sects....."

Luo Jie didn't know whether to cry or laugh, he said, "What? Why do you want to take the initiative to fight? I'm just telling you to be careful, not to fight. There are people who you can get along with from the other Sects, you can still make a few good friends."

12th said with a smile, "I understand, I'll make friends with those who are pleasant and kill those who are unpleasant, Teacher, am I right?"

Luo Jie smiled bitterly, "Forget about it, it's still too early to tell you about this, go back and prepare. And also go get some materials from Uncle Hu on your way home, Hmm, try to make a basic Hidden Fu for me to examine first."

12th was suddenly very excited, "Ok, I will bring it to Teacher in 2 days." 12th did not leave from the front door, he snuck out the back door.

Luo Jie was wondering why 12th was sneaking out through the back door, but at the same time he saw Luo Wei Jie running in from the front door while saying, "Eh? Where's 12th?" He finally understood that 12th's actions were caused by Luo Wei Jie's arrival. He could not help but shout with a smile, "Little Jie, why are you always running around! 12th is already gone, what do you want with him?"

Luo Wei Jie said hesitantly, "Nothing, just something about

cultivation.....”

Luo Jie said angrily, “Something about cultivation? Ask me!”

Luo Wei Jie turned around and ran away, “Aiya, I'm leaving first, I still have some stuff to do!” She anxiously ran outside and mumbled, “Hmph, forgetting about your own granddaughter when you have a disciple..... Crazy grandpa.....12th, wait and see.....Don't let me catch you! Haha..... This little child is very interesting.....”

Luo Jie was a little worried when he looked at Luo Wei Jie and sighed secretly in his mind. This little granddaughter have good potential, but she is not hard-working enough, she's in her 20s, but is still as naughty as a child.

12th had very sensitive ears, he knew that Luo Wei Jie, the crazy girl was coming after hearing her footsteps. He was not afraid of her, but he did not want to waste time dealing with her, so he quickly went through the back door. After finding Uncle Hu, 12th received the materials and quietly ran back home, he did not want to waste any time because there was only 20 days left before departing.

12th went back home and saw Auntie Chen and Chen Hong sitting together in the living room.

Auntie Chen said with a smile, “12th, congratulations on your advancement to FuZhou Knight.”

12th saluted politely, “Grandma Chen, what are you doing here?” He

glanced at Chen Hong and saw the little girl looking disturbed and was twisting her fingers. His heart could not help but drop a little, he knew that there will be trouble.

Auntie Chen asked, “12th, are you going to the West Fu Sect?”

12th nodded and said, “Yes, I'll be going with my Teacher.”

Auntie Chen then asks, “What about Little Hong?”

12th said with a puzzled expression, “Of course we are going together, is that a problem?”

Auntie Chen sighed and said, “Yes, a big problem!”

Chen Hong felt uneasy and whispered, “Don't say.....” Her face was red and it looked like she did not know what to say.

12th wondered and said, “Don't say what? Little Hong, just say whatever you want to say.”

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Auntie Chen said, “I will say it. 12th, there is a problem that has to be solved if you are bringing Little Hong with you. It's about the Light Fu strength enhancements, I can get somebody to help you within the Inner Court, but you'll have to do it yourself if you go outside or else.....Little Hong's cultivation will be hindered.”

12th was startled, it was indeed a serious problem. He said, “Uh, that is a problem, does Grandma Chen have any ideas?”

Auntie Chen said, “12th, I think it would be best if you performed the strength enhancements for Little Hong, you are only 9 years old, why do you think so much like an adult? There is nothing to worry about.”

12th blushed, he was actually struggling with himself, he was not interested in such a young girl and performing strength enhancements for Little Hong was not difficult, but the main problem was that 12th did not want to harm the young girl. According to the customs of this world, if 12th performs the strength enhancements on Little Hong and decides to not marry her then she would never get married to another person, isn't that too harmful?

A moment passed and 12th said, “I could perform the strength enhancements, but I.....”

Auntie Chen interrupted 12th and said, “That's good, I don't need any promises. Little Hong, feel free to ask 12th to help you with the strength enhancements. Heh, ok, it's settled then, I still have some stuff to do, I'll

be leaving now." The old woman walked out and quickly disappeared with a rarely seen pace.

12th thought to himself, "This old fox runs even faster than rabbits! Ah, I'm in big trouble."

Chen Hong ran outside with her face flushed, she did not say a word.

12th had a bitter smile and returned back to the underground Fu Making Hall, he took out the book about the creation methods of Hidden Fu. His habit was to first fully understand what Hidden Fu was and afterwards he would familiarize himself with the creation methods. 12th would only begin practicing the creation methods after he has fully understood Hidden Fu and fully familiarized himself with the methods.

For the next 10 days, 12th stayed inside the Fu Making Hall and learned more about Hidden Fu, he forgot about food and sleep, the meals were personally delivered by Auntie Lan.

Hidden Fu has its own specific creation methods and 12th learned them very fast. Due to the growth of his soul, his understanding and memory has become even stronger, which in turn caused his learning speed to also become faster. With only 10 days left, even when 12th did not completely understand everything regarding Hidden Fu he was able to successfully make his first Hidden Fu.

Hidden Fu is best used when attached to items, although it could be used alone, it will then only be a very ordinary Fu. When the Hidden Fu are attached to certain items, it would give the items a space, the space is small, only about a foot squared, but if there are two Hidden Fu attached



then there would be a space of two foot square, and so on.

12th's Hidden Fu was very small, only as big as a fingernail and as thin as a piece of paper, it was a matte black color. 12th excitedly went over to have his Teacher inspect it , but the conclusion was that the Fu was only so-so and needed more work into it. But the Hidden Fu could already be used, it could be used to make ordinary Fu Hidden bag and ordinary Fu books.

12th was very satisfied with the results, it meant that he has gained mastery of the most important Fu. Perhaps, the people of this world did not realize the potential of this Fu, but 12th clearly understood how useful Hidden Fu can be since he has lived through 3 lives.

He happily made another Hidden Fu, he was busy until the date of departure.

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It was early Summer and the weather was getting hot.

A huge troop was twisting through the Golden Mountains.

The troop was very big with more than 4 thousand people, there was also a large number of horses. Almost everyone was on a horse, some people even had 2-3 spare horses, making the size of the troop look even bigger.

“Teacher, you are saying that.....we will move independently after

arriving at the Ke She mountain pass?”

12th did not sit on a carriage for the trip, because of the distance, a carriage would not be able to reach many places so he decided to ride on a horse. Fortunately 12th learned horseriding from his previous life, even though he was young he rode without any problems.

Luo Jie was riding on a black horse, he was almost curled up on the horse, he was very bored. He said slowly, “This speed is too slow. With this opportunity, I want you and your team to gain experience and toughen up. Haha, it will not be dangerous as long as I'm here.”

12th's heart was moved, he knew that his Teacher was looking out for him, with a FuZhou Great Master by his side, accompanied by a Fu Warrior Great Master, there was almost nothing that could threaten them.

“Teacher, how many of us will be going independently?”

Luo Jie said, “I don't plan on bringing too many people, Hmm, maybe about 20 and with the five of you, 25.” Luo Jie brought around 200 people with him on the trip, with 25 separating, the others will continue on with the troop. Since there is about a year left of traveling, they had time for themselves.”

12th smiled, “20 people? Haha, will Grandpa Nan Shan come with us too?”

Qi Nan Shan was not one of Luo Jie's supporters, he was a disciple who

had Fu Warrior potential, he was accepted by Luo Jie as a disciple when Luo Jie advanced to a FuZhou Master. Qi Nan Shan was also a genius, not long after Luo Jie's advancement to a FuZhou Great Master, he also advanced to a Fu Warrior Great Master. He was already 100 years old, he looked like a weak old man, but the truth was he was extremely powerful.

Luo Jie smiled and said, "Of course he's coming."

Qi Nan Shan said weakly, "12th, what are you, a little weasel thinking about?"

12th was a little scared of the old man because 12th has seen him fight against the savages when they were leaving the North Fu City. 12th still trembles at the thought of the scene, he never could have imagined that such a lifeless looking old man could move at such fast speeds, 12th's eye could not even keep up. With a hit, the savages flew dozens of meters away, the savages' head were all like watermelons which got hit by a hammer. Qi Nan Shan killed a dozen savages in only a couple of minutes and yet, the old man still looked as lifeless as he had been before the battle.

"Grandpa Nan Shan, I'm not thinking of anything....."

Qi Nan Shan did not have a tall stature, he was similar to ordinary people and his bald head had layers of Fu Inscriptions. He laid on the horse without the aura of a Fu Warrior Great Master, he didn't bother listening to 12th's answer either, he just kept his eyes closed. His expressions were very similar to Luo Jie's, which was to ignore everything.

Along with the Fu Warrior Great Master Qi Nan Shan, there were 8 Fu Warrior Masters and the rest were Fu Warriors. With 12th and his teammates, there was a total of 25 people, the strength of this small team was not any weaker than a first-rate clan. 25 people with 70 warhorses separated from the troop after reaching the Ke She mountain pass.

After separating from the troops they immediately sped up. The warhorses here were different from those of 12th's memories, these warhorses were all very tall and sturdy. Their ability to travel long distances or short sprints were much better than the ones from 12th's previous lives. 12th felt that the horses here had good physical strength and spirit, they were truly exceptional. Of course, such horses were even precious in this world.

The feeling of riding on a horse was very fun, especially when the warhorses wildly rushed forward.

12th has been suppressing his emotions, he truly felt incredible when he rode on the horse. After going through one complete strength enhancement, his physical strength has become even better than it had been when it was at its peak of his previous lives. 12th could easily control the horse, he was full of praises for the horse's spirit because the horses were running according to 12th's emotions. 12th only needed a small tug and the horse would immediately react to it and understood what 12th wanted, it was hard for 12th to not like such horses.

All the way forward along the road, Luo Jie's small group distanced themselves from the troops behind them. Starting from the Ke She mountain pass, they rode full speed all the way and soon they arrived at a four-way intersection. 12th did not want to ride up front, only Huo Bao and Chen Bing went ahead with Huo Bao asking: "Elder, which way should we take?"

Luo Zhan horsed forward, these types of situation did not bother him. He said, "Go along the left side."

Huo Bao lifted the halter of his horse, gently pulled his left hand and the horse turned towards the left. He shouted, "Forward!" And with a clip of his legs, his heel hit the side of the horse's belly and the horse suddenly rides forward. Everyone followed at full speed.

"Teacher, where does this road lead to?"

12th was huddled over the horse's back and asked with his head tilted. The wind was pushing very hard, it was making it difficult to speak.

Luo Jie said slowly, "There is a small town up front, we will arrive around the afternoon and we'll have dinner there." Luo Jie was covered in a layer of very white light and the oncoming wind slid to the side along the light. With the light Luo Jie was able to speak normally, 12th knew that the light was a protection aura from the Innate Fu book.

The journey flew by and after noon, a small town can be seen. 12th estimated that they were about a couple of kilometers away, he happily said, "Teacher, we are almost there."

Qi Nan Shan suddenly sat up on his horse and took a deep breath before yelling, "Slow down!"

Luo Jie said with surprise, "The scent of blood!"

A mountain breeze blew by, and as expected there was a touch of blood within it. 12th took a deep breath and thought for a moment before saying, "It's human blood.....not beast blood "

Luo Zhan shouted, "Get ready to fight!"

Qi Nan Shan said, "Two people go....." Two Fu Warrior Masters quickly rode ahead. Qi Nan Shan also said, "We will slow down a bit, stay focused!" The old man looked like he could die at any moment when nothing was happening, but when something happens he immediately had an aura of a leader.

The group was not very nervous because there were two Great Masters with them, they would not be afraid even if hundreds of savages came. They just slowed down and rode towards the small town.

Huo Bao, Chen Bing, Hong Shi, and Chen Hong appeared to be a little nervous, but they also had eager expressions. 12th thought they were interesting and smiled, "Huo Bao, what are you guys doing? All of you look nervous.....there are not necessarily any enemies up front."

Qi Nan Shan turned around and said, "Oh, how do you know there are no enemies?"

The horses were very quick, even if they slowed down a bit, soon they were able to see the outline of the town. Black smoke was rising up and it seemed to be caused by fire. The smell of blood became more intense and the two Fu Warrior Masters came back.

12th said, “Grandpa Nan Shan, I'm just guessing.”

One Fu Warrior Master reported, “We have not discovered any enemies, but the people of the town.....should all be dead. We've inspected the bodies and it looks like they have died from beasts' attacks. Many dead bodies are torn apart and the wounds on the bodies did not look like it was caused by weapons.”

Luo Jie said, “Forward, let's go into the town and take a look.”

The horses stormed into the town like a whirlwind. Everything in front of them looked terrible, blood was everywhere and dead bodies were all torn apart. 12th carefully looked at the houses and heard Luo Zhan say, “How can there be so many beasts? There are at least tens of thousands of people in this town, they all dead?”

Neither Luo Jie nor Qi Nan Shan said anything, they just quietly looked on, 12th could see killing intent within their eyes.

Huo Bao said, “What kind of beasts can cause this? It can't be savages, right?”

12th said disdainfully, “It was human.....”

Luo Jie said, “12th, why do you think this was caused by humans rather than beasts or savages?”

12th said, “If this was caused by savages then there had to be more than a thousand savages here to destroy this whole town. It's impossible

to have that many savages within this area and also, looking at the dead bodies, the savages would not waste so much meat!"

"If it was beasts, Haha, do you see any dead beasts? No matter how bad the defensive capabilities this small town have, it should at least have a few Fu Warriors. Not many beasts can attack a small town without having at least 1 casualty. Moreover, beasts do not bury other beast's dead bodies....."

"Another point, look.....the town was set on fire, I don't think savages or beasts will intentionally set the town on fire, therefore, I can only believe that this was done by humans.

Qi Nan Shan's eyes showed a trace of surprise and said, "This little child have a very clear mind."

Luo Jie nodded with satisfaction and said, "Not bad, this was indeed done by humans.....and they are from the West Fu Sect!"

12th agreed, "We can only make such speculations."

Huo Bao did not understand, he wondered, "Why was this done by people of the West Fu Sect?"

12th just said, "West Fu Sect.....is also known as Beast Fu Sect."

Huo Bao said, "But.....but aren't we going to the West Fu Sect? Why would they kill ordinary people?"



12th said, "This is a territory within the North Fu Sect and they attack people of the North Fu Sect. Since this town has become like this, very soon, the bloody smell will attract many beasts and in less than 10 days this town will be totally unrecognizable, thus there will be no evidence against them, unless we catch them.....I think it will be difficult."

Luo Jie said, "12th is right....." Before he could finish, a flash of light illuminated the sky along with the sound of thunder and the sky begins to darken.

Qi Nan Shan sighed, "Don't even need 10 days, after this heavy rainstorm, half of the evidence will be gone."

Crackling drops of rain loudly fell onto the ground. 12th looked up and said, "This will be a heavy rainstorm! We need to find a place as shelter." Just as 12th finished talking, the rain suddenly begins to fall even heavier. Everyone was covered within a layer of Fu light, it was a Shelter Fu, but such Fu can only last for 30 minutes at most.

Luo Zhan shouted, "Follow me!"

Everyone entered a big courtyard. There was a very big house inside and a few Fu Warriors quickly cleaned up the living room and afterwards everyone went inside.

Qi Nan Shan picked 4 people and said, "You guys go and check the surroundings, everyone else seize this time to rest. 12th, the five of you will prepare the meals."

12th nodded and said, “Ok. Little Hong, give me the Fu Hidden bag.”

Chen Hong quietly unclipped a bag from her waist. Even though she carried the Fu Hidden bag, she would not be able to use it until she became a Fu Warrior. She would only be able to freely use the Fu Hidden bag when her combat force reaches a certain level.

12th took out two old looking cooking pots from the Fu Hidden bag. The pots had three legs and was made out of a type of silver-copper alloy, it was specialized for outdoor cooking. There was an opening at the bottom of the pot used for the insertion of an one-time use Fire Fu. With the help of the Fire Fu, the pot could be cooked directly without needing fire. A single one-time use Fire Fu was enough to cook a whole pot of meat.

Huo Bao went to gather water and Hong Shi was responsible for cutting the meat.

Both the cooking pots began to boil at the same time and 12th places the bones and meats inside. There were also condiments like scallions, gingers, and garlic, the people of this world rarely used them because they were meant for Fu food, but 12th collected a lot of them. 12th places the scallions and gingers inside the pots and covered it before saying, “Little Hong, keep an eye on the pots, skim off the dirt on the surface when it begins to boil.”

Everyone brought their own bread so 12th only had to worry about cooking the two pots of meat and nothing else. 12th went to Luo Jie and sat down cross-legged and asks, “Teacher, why did the people of the

Beast Fu Sect kill these people?”

Luo Jie shook his head and said, “Perhaps for raising beasts.....”

“Raising beasts?”

Qi Nan Shan then said, “It's the specialty of the Beast Fu Sect, raising beasts, specifically killing ordinary beasts and people and then using their bloods to strengthen the beasts' spirit. This specialty is extremely brutal and has long been forbidden in residential areas.”

12th said unbelievably, “What? There are actually such scumbags here?”

Luo Jie said, “More precisely, it's people from a Branch Fu Sect of the West Fu Sect, known as the Beast Raising Fu Sect. They have already been expelled from the West Fu Sect and the people of the Beast Raising Fu Sect rarely shows themselves. I remember seeing them a few decades ago.....but I'm not sure if this was done by them.”

Qi Nan Shan said, “Elder, I think this is done by them!”

Luo Jie said, “We will leave after we finish the meal, the bloody atmosphere here is too heavy.”

Everyone has quickly finished their meals and properly cleaned up. Luo Jie said, “We will continue forward!” He went out first, the rain was still pouring heavily, but he did not care at all. 12th worn a thin raincoat and walked out of the house. The rain has diluted the ground and the bloody

red water was flowing everywhere, the whole town looked like hell. 12th could not help but complain to himself, the human lives here are really cheap.

They continued on their way in the heavy rain. The speed of the horses slowed down a bit because of the rain.

12th accidentally notices a strange bird flying in the sky. The speed of the bird was extremely fast and it flew across the skies above them twice. 12th could not help but say, “Teacher, it looks like someone is following us.”

Luo Jie was surprised and said, “How come I can't tell that we are being followed?”

12th pointed to the sky and said, “That bird!”

The strange bird was flying above them again. Luo Jie’s face darkened and said, “We are actually being followed by someone, Haha, Nan Shan, it looks like there will be a little workout.”

Qi Nan Shan was quiet and nodded, the killing intent within his eyes rapidly increased .

The road was very wide, 50 meters in width, there were low bushes to the sides of the road and a large forest could be seen in the distance. The view was very good because one can see faraway, but the heavy rainfall was affecting everyone's vision.

Qi Nan Shan sent four people up to scout ahead while everyone else slowed down.

12th wiped the rain off his face and said, "Huo Bao, Hong Shi, Chen Bing, Chen Hong, stay alert, don't let your actions be hindered."

The 4 teammates immediately tensed up and began checking their equipments and packs up everything that could impede their movements. Luo Jie glanced over at them and nodded with satisfaction, it was necessary to stay vigilant. It would prevent people from acting confused when something unexpectedly happens, which could be life-threatening.

12th also begins to pack up the trivial things he carried. He organized his Fu belts and prepared the two Treasure Fu in his wrist. These were the only useful Fu he had, all the other one-time use Fu were not as powerful and could only be used to disrupt the enemies, it cannot give a fatal strike. This belief from 12th that the one-time use Fu were not useful was because he, himself could make the one-time use Fu himself, ordinary disciples would feel extremely fortunate if they had as many one-time use Fu as 12th.

According to 12th's beliefs, he wanted to remove all his one-time use Fu and replace them with Treasure Fu. But it was truly difficult trying to get so many Treasure Fu, he would have to make them himself and he only had a few books which recorded the creation methods of Treasure Fu. Most of them were only low-level Treasure Fu, which could only be activated 3 to 6 times and can only be used as single target attacks.

12th was thinking to himself, thinking of whether or not to ask his Teacher to give him a few books which introduced him to the creation methods of mid-level Treasure Fu.

A moment later, horses rushed back from the rain. Qi Nan Shan rode forward and asked, “How is it? What kind of situation is it?”

“We saw a lot of people up front blocking the road, I came back to inform you and they continued to observe.”

“Who are they?”

“I can't tell.....they were all secretive and wore black robes. Oh yeah, some of them were riding Wildland Dragons.”

Luo Jie said, “That's it, they are the Beast Raising Fu Sect! How many were there?”

“There were 3 dozen people that can be seen, but I think there are far more than that.”

Luo Jie thought for a moment and said to Qi Nan Shan, “Big Shan, let's head over, if we notice anything weird, we'll immediately kill them! Let's go!” Luo Jie then quickly rode his horse forward, he has secretly vowed to get revenge for the people of the small town.

Qi Nan Shan mumbled, “Still have a violent temper at such an old age!” He too rode the horse forward together with Luo Jie and shouted, “Elder, back off a little, you are a FuZhou Great Master, not a Fu Warrior Great Master, the first attack should be commenced by me! Little brats cheer up and get ready to fight!”

The thunderous sounds of the hooves could not hide them, when they got there, there were already hundreds of different beasts on the road and with a strange whistle, all the beasts launched their attacks. The people in black robes simply ignored them and ordered the beasts to attack everyone in front of them.

Luo Jie screamed, “Damn, the people of the small town must have been killed by them! Let's kill them all!”

12th shouted, “Leave two of them alive!”

Luo jie suddenly came to his senses and shouted, “Leave two of them alive, everyone else.....Kill! Kill! Kill!”

Qi Nan Shan shouted, “You guys protect the Elder, don't move around too much, just observe me!” Qi Nan Shan suddenly jumps up from his horse and rushes forward at an extremely fast speed. His speeding shadow actually created a white waterline in the rain.

A dozen beasts ordered by the whistles, jumps towards Qi Nan Shan.

Qi Nan Shan laughs, “Haha, go to the hell!” His body begins to glow and countless Fu Inscriptions forms and begins to wrap around him, it quickly forms into a Fu Armor, afterwards he rushes straight into the group of beasts.

Suddenly someone from the opposite side shrieks, “Oh s\*\*t! It's a Fu Warrior Great Master! Run!”

Luo Jie grunted a bit and slowly floats up off the horseback. And as he exhales, an Innate Fu Book appears in front of him. Luo Jie says scornfully, "Where are you going?"

It was the first time 12th has ever seen someone fly, although it was only twenty feet off the ground, floating in the air without the aid of any tools was very amazing.

“Oh f\*\*k, it's a Zhou Great Master!”



## Chapter 4 - Moving

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It is very difficult trying to tell the difference between a FuZhou Great Master and a Zhou Great Master, especially their attacks. Seeing Luo Jie fly 20 feet into the air with his Innate Fu Book opened, caused the people on the other side to collapse and have mental breakdowns. A Fu Warrior Great Master alone was enough to kill them, but now with a Zhou Great Master, known to have the world's strongest attacks appearing, they would not have any hopes of escaping.

Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan did not intend to give anyone the chance to fight, whether they were people on their side or the opposite side did not matter.

Luo Jie taps to open his Innate Fu Book, he then taps on a page and a dozen streaks of silver-colored lights rise up from the page and quickly fly into the sky. Luo Jie narrows his eyes, looks toward the person who's running the fastest and says, "Stay right there!" His fingers trembles a bit and a streak of the silver light drops from the sky.

The streak of silver light swiftly falls down emitting a breathtaking whistle. The person who ran away the furthest suddenly feels a sudden chill, he looks up and could not help but shout in desperation, his voice did not come out yet and a gigantic ice pick pierces into his mouth, straight into the ground. The ice pick was 2 meters long and it nailed that person into the ground.

When the second ice pick fell, Qi Nan Shan has already reached the other side.

Howls, roars, and desperate cries for help were heard all over the battlefield, but within a couple of minutes the only sounds that can be heard were the sounds of the wind and rain. The simultaneous attacks by the 2 Great Masters has already killed all the enemies. Qi Nan Shan returned to the group holding a captive in each hand and said, "They were all Beast Warriors, with a Beast Zhou Master hiding within the group. I've killed them all. Hey 12th, go clean up the battlefield with your team!"

Luo Jie said, "Luo Zhan you go with them, be careful of someone playing dead."

Cleaning up the battlefield was a good assignment, 12th understood that Qi Nan Shan was being kind to them. After saying his thanks, 12th and his teammates rushed into the heap of dead bodies and began searching for items. 12th decided to search through the Beast Zhou Master first because that person should be wealthy.

12th found the Beast Zhou Master and discovered that he was killed under Qi Nan Shan's attacks, his entire head was shot into the chest, leaving only his forehead on the shoulders. It looked very strange because there was not even a drop of blood on the body.

12th first removed the Fu belt and inspected it, the slots inside the Fu belts were mostly empty, only 4 slots had Fu. When 12th removed the Fu from the slots he realized that there were Treasure Fu inside, Beast Treasure Fu were very rare so 12th was overjoyed. He then hears Luo Jie's voice from not far away saying, "12th, that person was a Beast Zhou Master, he have an Innate Fu, split open his head and you can find it."

12th did not want to split open the head of someone dead with a sword,

he cleared up all the belongings of the Beast Zhou Master and activated a Fire Fu which directly cremated him. 12th then searches for the Innate Fu within the ashes.

Luo Jie said, "I told you to split open the head with a sword, why you cremate it?"

12th grinned and said, "It's too brutal using a sword, cremating it is cleaner. Hehe, Teacher, the Fire Fu is unexpectedly strong, even under the rain, the fire did not go out."

Huo Bao came back holding a bunch of stuff, mostly clothes. 12th places his hands on his forehead, he truly did not know what to say. Luo Jie scolded with a smile, "Damn boy, you need to take the useful things, why did you only take the clothes?"

Huo Bao was raised a hunter, he would never leave anything that could be useful. He wondered and said, "Grandpa, these are all useful....." Everyone laughed after hearing these words.

The other teammates did better than Huo Bao, after all, everyone had different family backgrounds, everyone had different influences growing up. Chen Hong found different kinds of Fu weapons, Chen Bing found Fu Hidden bags and Hong Shi found over a hundred horses carrying supplies.

Huo Bao mumbled a bit and was getting ready to throw away all the clothes when 12th said, "Don't throw them away yet, save a few and put them in the Fu Hidden bag, maybe we can use them later."

Chen Bing came over to help, they packed up a few sets of clothing and put them inside a Fu Hidden bag.

The two captives woke up after receiving a few hits from Luo Zhan. “Are you from the Beast Raising Fu Sect?” Luo Zhan asked.

Both of the captives were Beast Warriors, their tattoos were images of beasts, they stared at Luo Zhan with eyes full of defiance without saying anything. Luo Zhan became angry and with a punch, one of the Beast Warriors fainted. Luo Zhan then speaks to the other one, "Answer me, are you from Beast Raising Fu Sect?”

That person responded with a look full of disdain, causing Luo Zhan to feel that it was going to be impossible trying to get information out of them. Qi Nan Shan sighed and said, “The little ones these days are all so weak, they have no means at all, they can't even deal with two captives, Ah, let this old man try, little kids step aside.” Qi Nan Shan then steps in front of the two captives.

Qi Nan Shan did not question them, he grabs the captive and with a smile he pinches one of the captive's fingers and gently crushes them, cracking sounds can be heard. Afterwards, he pinches another finger and gently crushes it and more cracking sounds can be heard. The captive's face turned green and he begins to breathe heavily.

Qi Nan Shan still did not ask any questions, he continued to pinch and crush every finger one after another, after all the fingers were crushed, he targeted the wrists and then the arms. The captive finally could no longer withstand the pain and begins to howl. Qi Nan Shan smiles, “Hey, aren't you a hero? How can a hero howl like that?” Qi Nan Shan reaches out to the captive's lower jaws and dislocates it, saliva begins to rush down and

only a whining sound can come out from the captive's mouth.

Qi Nan Shan then says, "Pure torture against Fu Warriors will not be effective, but there are methods that can slowly cause their mentalities to collapse, making it easier to question them afterwards.....the effects from those methods are more effective." As Qi Nan Shan was speaking, he continued to crush the captive's bones at the same time. What was most fearful was that Qi Nan Shan did not allow the captive to faint, he wanted him to clearly feel the pain.

This event has caused 12th's face to turn pale, without the need to mention Hao Bao and the others, Chen Hong hid to the side, scared to even look, she could barely stand hearing the shrilling squeals from the captives.

Qi Nan Shan held onto the captive's lower jaws and returns it to the correct position, the captive then shouts loudly, "Ah.....Ah....." Snot and tears were falling down together.

"I will ask you a question and you will answer me truthfully...are you from the Beast Raising Fu Sect?"

The captive grunted and immediately follows up with a scream because Qi Nan Shan has crushed his legs. Qi Nan Shan continues asking questions and each time the captive did not answer, one of his bones would get crushed. The captive finally could no longer withstand the pain and starts to answer the questions.

"Stop! Stop.....I'll answer, I'll answer....."

“Yes, we are from the Beast Raising Fu Sect!”

Qi Nan Shan then asks, “The people of the small town were all killed by you guys?”

The captive hesitated and quickly afterwards one of his bones were crushed. He loudly yells, “Yes! It was us!”

Qi Nan Shan sneered, “With just a couple dozen of you guys, it is not possible to slaughter the whole town. Who else participated?” He questioned with a murderous look.

The captive said, “People from our Sect, a total of over a thousand people participated!”

Everyone could not help but show a look of surprise, over a thousand people? These were not ordinary people, they all had Fu professions, a thousand of them was equivalent to a small or medium-sized Sect, it looked like the Beast Raising Fu Sect used their full strength to slaughter that town.

Qi Nan Shan asks, “Over a thousand people, are there any Great Masters?”

“Yes, Beast Zhou Great Master Lu Ning.....He.....He will come here..... and avenge us.....Ah.....”

Qi Nan Shan broke another bones and said, “Avenge you? Stop dreaming! Are there any other Great Masters?”

The captive said, “Kill me! Kill me! Ah.....no more.....no.....”

12th interrupted, “What is your purpose?”

“For the Mysterious.....”He suddenly shuts his mouth and 12th asks, “Mysterious? What's Mysterious? Mysterious what? Mysterious Lands?”

Qi Nan Shan relentlessly crushes another bone and shouts, “Speak!”

The captive was dying, his eyes were widened, back was arched and he was trembling disorderly due to the pain. Eventually, he gave up and said, “I'll tell you.....and then you have to kill me!”

Qi Nan Shan said, “You are a man, I'll promised you! Tell me!”

The captive said, “Yes..... It's the Mysterious Lands..... one will appear.....one Mysterious Land, it's the rarely seen Ancient Mysterious Lands, it has already.....already been a thousand years since it has appeared, it is.....is our.....our Beast Raising Fu Sect's biggest legend. This time.....this time should not be incorrect.....you, come kill me, kill me!”

Qi Nan Shan was about to kill him and 12th stops him and says, “Grandpa Nan Shan, wait, Hey, where are the others? Where is the entrance to this Mysterious Land? Tell me and I will ask Grandpa Nan Shan to kill you.....” 12th was surprised by the turn of events, the captive's desires were for Qi Nan Shan to kill him, when did this start?

The captive was going crazy from the pain, he was breathing heavily and quickly said , “They are scattered around this area, the entrance for this Mysterious Land is unknown and there will be a signal when found.....kill me!”

Qi Nan Shan reaches towards the captive's spine and gently crushes it, with a clicking sound the captive dies immediately.

Luo Zhan grabs the other captive, the one which fainted from his hit and asks, “Kill this one as well?”

Qi Nan Shan said, “Wait until he wakes up and use my method to confirm the answers from that person, we have to see if there were any lies, don't let me do it again.” Luo Zhan's face blushed a little and said, "Yes, I will handle it."

12th could not bear watching again, he went back to Luo Jie and asked, “Teacher, what kind of Mysterious Land is this?”

Luo Jie's eyes were closed, he was contemplating over something and a moment later he says, "This Mysterious Land is complicated, it's not a surprise that they slaughtered everyone in that town and wanted to kill anyone who can get in their way. If.....this Mysterious Land's entrance appears soon, then no matter how many people the North Fu Sect sent, they will not be able to find them"

12th said, “Killing all the townspeople might not just be to prevent the spread of information, they might also have a supply problem. I checked their horses and found a lot of supplies, it should all be stolen from the townspeople. With the benefit of enhancing the strength of their beasts,



the Beast Raising Fu Sect achieves 3 goals, of course they will do it.'"

Qi Nan Shan said, "Elder, how long has it been since we last entered the Mysterious Lands? The last time.....should be 30 years ago."

Luo Jie smiled and said, "27 years, you are a Fu Warrior Great Master, how come you can't even remember the date?"

Qi Nan Shan shows a bashful smile, which caused 12th to be extremely surprised. 12th did not know that Luo Jie was not young when he accepted Qi Nan Shan as his disciple. At that time, Qi Nan Shan was only a child so it is not strange for him to show such expressions towards Luo Jie. It can be said that Qi Nan Shan was raised by Luo Jie.

"Who has time to remember those stuff."

Luo Jie shook his head. Qi Nan Shan was extremely talented, but he was not interested in anything which did not relate to the Fu Warrior profession, it was normal for him to not remember the date.

Qi Nan Shan said, "We should enter the Mysterious Land and get rid of the Beast Raising Fu Sect. Those bastards, how dare they come into the territory of the North Fu Sect and kill our people, we cannot spare them."

Luo Jie said, "This Mysterious Land is not simple, it only appears once every thousand years..... in other words, this Mysterious Land is the rare Ancient Mysterious Land. What's inside.....I'm looking forward to it, Haha, no wonder they are willing to fight here, it's fortunate that we came here, otherwise it would be impossible for us to find out that there

is an entrance to a Mysterious Land here."

Both the Great Masters were very interested in the Mysterious Land, Luo Jie said, "12th, we have decided to enter this Mysterious Land, what do you think is the next step?" Luo Jie wanted to train 12th so he questioned him to see what his thoughts were.

12th said without hesitation, "We should wait for the signal from the Beast Raising Fu Sect, once they discover the entrance to the Mysterious Land, Haha, we will force our way in and sneak attack them when they enter. Even if we can't kill them all, we will still disrupt their plans of entering the Mysterious Land, afterwards.....we can slowly to kill them off. With our strength, as long as we are careful and not get surrounded, there should not be much danger."

Luo Jie has told Qi Nan Shan about his intelligent and extraordinary little disciple and now he has personally witnessed 12th's intelligence and could not believe it. He asks, "12th, are you really 9 years old?"

12th's heart jumped a bit and then he motioned his chest out, expanded his belly and said, "It's the absolute truth! 9 years old!"

Qi Nan Shan was dumbfounded, "I know you are 9 years old....."

12th said with a smile, "Ask a question when you already know the answer, Grandpa Nan Shan you are really silly." The Elder got angry and wanted to hit him. He said, "I mean.....you are only 9 years old, where do all these wicked ideas come from? Most adults cannot even come up with them, yet you, a little child easily talks about them without even having to think."

Luo Jie laughed loudly and said, “Do you understand why I call 12th a freak now? You will unconsciously forget about his real age and treat him like an adult if you spend too much time with him. Hmm, is this what it means to mature early?”

Qi Nan Shan said, “Mature early? He does not even have any hair yet, mature early.....”

This time 12th got angry and said, “Ah, Grandpa Nan Shan, how can you talk like that?”

Luo Jie laughed loudly, Chen Hong, who was hiding behind 12th, blushes after hearing the vulgar words from Qi Nan Shan.

Luo Zhan came over and said, “No problems, both the captives said the same things. In addition, the signal from the Beast Raising Fu Sect will be a Meteor Fire Fu, they will activate a Meteor Fire Fu when the entrance of the Mysterious Land is discovered. Then they will group up and enter the Mysterious Land together.”

Luo Jie said, “Very well, we'll move forward a bit and find shelter from the rain, Haha, we'll wait for their signal.”

Under the command of Qi Nan Shan, everyone piles up the dead bodies into a pit. Luo Jie launches a Fire Fu which burns all the dead bodies.

Soon, they moved deep into the mountains, during this period they encountered a couple Beast Warriors wandering around. Beast Warriors

were sent out by the Beast Raising Fu Sect to find the entrance to the Mysterious Land, even if they went missing, the Beast Raising Fu Sect would not be too suspicious.

Luo Jie and everyone else was very careful, they quickly killed any enemies which appeared, they did not want any news about themselves to get leaked. Not long afterwards, they found a cliff, which curved inwards, it had a big space which can be used as shelter against the rain. Everyone held onto their horses and walked towards the cliff. Qi Nan Shan said, "We'll rest here, do not light any fires yet, just eat some of the dry seasoned meat if you are hungry."

Chen Hong carefully puts together a small open space, covers it with a thick beast leather and says, "12th, come over here and rest." 12th nodded and invited Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan over, the 3 sat down on the beast leather. Qi Nan Shan said, "Luo Zhan, send a couple of people to guard the area and another couple to scout. Pay attention to any signals in the air, don't miss the call signal from the Beast Raising Fu Sect."

Luo Zhan receives the orders and leaves. 12th said to Chen Hong, "You guys clean up a space and rest, don't be tired."

Using the rest time, 12th began to ask Luo Jie questions regarding the Mysterious Lands.

".....The ways of entering and exiting the Mysterious Lands are very interesting. The ways to enter may vary, but the ways to exit are almost exactly the same, the Mysterious Lands will throw you out. The only exception is the known Mysterious Lands, you can go out as long as you go back and find the entrance....."

“..... The amount of time you can stay inside a Mysterious Land also varies, it can be as short as a couple of days or as long as a couple of years, but it's rare to be inside for over five years.....”

“.....The items from the Mysterious Lands are best kept inside the Fu Hidden bags.....”

Luo Jie explained everything with great detail and 12th listened happily, 12th could not help but become full of admiration for this world because it has such magical places, 12th said, “Teacher, the Mysterious Lands seems to hold a vast amount of treasures, like a big treasury, if we could go in and survive, it should be very rewarding.”

Qi Nan Shan said, “It's much more than a big treasury, the Mysterious Lands are the birthplace of FuZhou, just this is well worth the risk of entering. Without the need to mention the different kinds of rare treasures, Mystical Beasts, and toxic insects inside, you can even find the Natural Fu Inscriptions. Haha, the Mysterious Lands..... this is why so many people would rather die inside the Mysterious Lands than giving up their chances of entering.”

12th looked at Qi Nan Shan's glimmering eyes and did not know what to say, even Fu Warrior Great Masters were this excited, 12th now understood what the Mysterious Lands meant to the people with Fu professions.

Luo Jie was much calmer when compared to Qi Nan Shan. He said dismissively, “Not every Mysterious Lands are treasuries, some are extremely dangerous. The Mystical Beasts inside are unexpectedly

strong, when entering such Mysterious Lands, it will be lucky to even survive, don't even think about trying to find any treasures.”

12th said, “If we unfortunately enter those Mysterious Lands, what precautions can we take to survive?”

Luo Jie said, “Hide and wait until time is up.....the Mysterious Lands will naturally throw you out.”

Qi Nan Shan said with a smile, “But, it's not easy trying to find a place to hide in those Mysterious Lands! Sometimes, you will be targeted by a Mystical Beast before you even find a hiding place, Haha, those beasts are truly terrifying, you won't be able to flee if you don't have enough strength, so.....12th, do not enter any Mysterious Lands until you have become a FuZhou Master and all your supporters have become Fu Warriors.”

12th said with a smile, “I'll follow Teacher, Haha, there should be no problems when entering the Mysterious Lands right?”

Qi Nan Shan laughs, “Little weasel, of course, there won't be any problems for us when entering any Mysterious Lands.”

12th said, “That's good enough, as long as we follow you into a couple Mysterious Lands, I believe our chances of surviving will greatly increase when we enter the Mysterious Lands in the future. We can avoid most of the dangers if we are careful enough.”

In addition to gaining strength, experience is also crucial. The more

profound one's experience is, the calmer they will be when faced with danger. It would still be very dangerous in the Mysterious Lands if one was strong, but lacked experience. So to get used to the dangers of the Mysterious Lands it is best to have someone guide you the first time, that way one will not only learn of the dangers, they have a higher chance of surviving.

The people sent out to scout came back every few hours to report, everyone took turns resting except the two Great Masters and 12th's team. Everyone else had to take shifts scouting.

For three consecutive days, there was no news at all.

Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan were not worried at all, they just sat together and chatted leisurely. 12th was not worried either, he chatted with the two Elders and learned a lot in three days. He heard a lot of their anecdotes and learned a lot about Innate FuZhou, Luo Jie was deliberately guiding him.

12th also read books when he had nothing to do, he never wasted any free time.

With 12th's request, Qi Nan Shan gave Huo Bao and his teammates lessons. Since they were personally receiving lessons from a Fu Warrior Great Master, the Fu Warriors and Fu Warrior Masters were envious of them, so they also sat together when the lessons began if they had free time.

Luo Jie and 12th often had private conversations with each other, the older he got, the more childish his temper became, but this Elder and

young child got along very well, Luo Jie said with a smile, “12th, how many Light Fu do you have? Do you have enough?”

12th said with a bitter face, “Teacher, I don't have time to make Fu. I only have 20 Light Fu on me. They will be gone after several enhancements. I don't know when I can make more.”

Luo Jie smiled, “I suspected that you don't have enough Light Fu.”

12th suddenly came to his senses and said happily, “Teacher, do you have any spare Light Fu?”

Luo Jie shook his head with a smile, “I don't have any one-time use Light Fu.”

12th said weakly, “Teacher, you're an Elder, tricking me again.....”

Luo Jie proudly said, “Even though I don't have any Light Fu, I have Blood Fu and it's a Treasure Fu!”

12th was confused, “Treasure Fu? Blood Fu? What is it for?”

Luo Jie said, “Light Fu is an ordinary Fu for Strength Enhancements and Blood Fu is a special Fu for Strength Enhancements. With Blood Fu the Fu Warrior disciples can quickly gain strength, the effects are much better than Light Fu, but the materials for making Blood Fu are very rare, I received some from an old friend and made a few. Here is one for you, the activation limit is 21 times. You cannot use it more than 21 times, be ready to replenish it at all times, this Blood Fu is very precious.”



12th was overjoyed and continued saying his thanks. He then accepted the Treasure Blood Fu, he clearly understood that with the Blood Fu, the strength of his teammates would quickly increase. It was helpful to their small team's overall strength.

Qi Nan Shan was explaining how armor was created when he suddenly stops. And with a flash, Qi Nan Shan rushes out of the hidden cliff, jumps ontop of a tree and looks into the distance. A moment later, he returns to Luo Jie and says, "I saw the signal!" He then said to everyone, "Ok, pack up and begin to depart right away!"

Immediately, the atmosphere tenses up and everyone did not dare be slow, everyone quickly packs up and pulls out their horses.

12th looked towards the distance and thought to himself, "Is it starting? I'm really looking forward to this!"

## Chapter 5 - The Entrance of the Mysterious Land

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The person who discovered the entrance to the Mysterious Land was a Beast Warrior of the Beast Raising Fu Sect, afterwards he activated a specialized Fu. The Fu was activated by being crushed between the Beast Warrior's hands, these type of Fu were not used offensively, it was mainly used as a signal. After the activation of the Meteor Fire Fu, everyone within the region was immediately alerted.

The Beast Raising Fu Sect quickly gathered together and set out towards the entrance to the Mysterious Land.

A tall muscular man accompanied by dozens of Beast Warriors has arrived . This person was well-known within the Beast Raising Fu Sect, it was Beast Zhou Great Master Lu Ning. His hair was white and short, his face has deep wrinkles which resembled scars left over by swords and axes that has landed on his steel tough face, this made him look like he has lived since ancient times. His voice was deep, like thunder striking across the earth. Anyone who saw him cannot help, but show a feeling of admiration.

“Immediately sent out squads to work together and also continue launching the signals!”

The Meteor Fire Fu was being launched every 10 minutes. It looked exactly like fireworks from 12th's previous life. A silverly-white ball of light was shot straight up into the sky, when it has reached a high enough altitude, the ball of light will burst open and turn into countless meteors falling down. It was convenient to use these types of Fu as a directional guide, the continuous activation of the Meteor Fire Fu was

hard to ignore.

The sound of horse hooves can be heard everywhere and gradually, more and more people has arrived.

Lu Ning stared at the entrance of the Mysterious Land.

The entrance was open on a shallow swamp, it looked like a huge mirror, the area within the entrance can be clearly seen. The ground was brown with long thin moss grown everywhere, no other plants were seen. Not far away, there was an endless mountain range which blocked the view so nothing is known beyond the mountains.

In the skies of the Mysterious Land, several black dots can be seen moving around. Lu Ning squinted and without warning he activated a Fu. A small water mirror appeared in front of him, he gently pointed at the water mirror and the black dots were suddenly magnified within the water mirror. He said in surprise, "Sky Owls? These are actually Sky Owls! Good!" His face revealed a hint of delight and with a wave, the water mirror disappeared.

Over 600 people has slowly arrived. Lu Ning frowned and said, "Why are you guys so slow? Tell them to send out more signals, speed it up!" Lu Ning did not know when the entrance will close, he continued saying, "6 squads go in, you guys will scout ahead, remember to not attack the beasts yet! I don't want to be under sieged when I go in."

People from 6 squads got on their horses and rushed into the Mysterious Land. The horses stepped on the shallow marshes and created countless white splashes. There were no risks of sinking into the

marsh because everyone moved very quickly, there was close to 70 people within the 6 squads. They quickly scattered like an open fan as they entered the Mysterious Land and went in different directions.

A moment later, Lu Ning said, “Ok, another 6 squads!”

At that time, the drum-like sounds of horse hooves can be heard rumbling in. Lu Ning turned around and asked, “Which squad is coming?” The Beast Warrior Master next to him said, “I'm not sure, but it sounds like a lot of people.”

Lu Ning suddenly looked up, he could not help but become greatly shocked, “Spread out!” he shouted. His voice was like a thunderbolt, it caused everyone to lose their composure. At that moment, countless drops of flame fell from the sky directly onto the crowd of Beast Warriors, everything became chaotic.

Lu Ning did not have time to exhale out his Innate Fu Book, he could only launch 7 to 8 Fu, they were Fu which were stored inside his Fu belt, he hoped to find a glimmer of opportunity.

A dozen flying Eagle Spirits appeared and flew toward the falling flames. The Eagle Spirits formed a whirlwind which broke apart the flames.

A dozen streaks of silver light continuously fell down and with a poof, the Eagle Spirits were crushed.

Lu Ning took advantage of that short moment and exhaled his Innate

Fu Book.

With a sharp whistle, a black shadow charged straight in, everyone who stood in front of the shadow was killed, it did not matter if they were Beast Warriors or Beast Warrior Masters.

Lu Ning was shocked and shouted, "Block him!" He knew the shadow was a Fu Warrior Great Master because only a Fu Warrior Great Master would have the ability to completely ignore the Beast Warrior Masters. What frightened Lu Ning more was that the Fu Warrior Great Master was obviously charging towards him. He understood that if the Fu Warrior Great Master attacked him, he would be heavily injured, if not dead because his strength was not in close-quarter combat.

There were close to 200 war horses rushing out of forest, they collided straight into the crowd of Beast Warriors. Just like breaking the branches off a tree, the collisions caused everyone to scream. Qi Nan Shan charged directly toward Lu Ning, Qi Nan Shan's aura was terrifying, as if he was not going to stop until Lu Ning was dead.

Lu Ning had the feeling of being targeted from a beast, the strong sense of danger caused him to retreat backwards into a group of Beast Warrior Masters. The Beast Warrior Masters stepped forward and tried to delay Qi Nan Shan's charge.

Luo Jie did not put away his Innate Fu Book, it floated in front of him. He sat on the horse and continuously tapped on the Innate Fu Book, everytime he tapped, streaks of silver light flew out and charged towards the people who tried to block their path, killing them.

4 Fu Warrior Masters were riding their horses closely by Luo Jie's sides, they were prepared to attack anyone who threatened Luo Jie. 12th followed closely behind Luo Jie, he crouched and laid his entire body ontop of the horse's back, his only job was to keep up with Luo Jie, there was nothing he could do at that time. Huo Bai and the other teammates closely followed behind 12th, they did not have to do anything too, as long as 12th's group kept up with Luo Jie it can be considered a success.

Almost 200 war horses charged forward, the aura from that group was truly frightening, in addition to FuZhou Great Master Luo Jie's continuous Fu attacks, everyone from the Beast Raising Fu Sect has become broken down mentally. They began to flee, they could not gather together and resist Luo Jie's group, they could only watch as the group entered the Mysterious Land.

Qi Nan Shan laughed loudly, "Ha! Just this! This Big Uncle will wait for you inside the Mysterious Land!" Qi Nan Shan killed a Beast Warrior with a hit, turned around and ran, his speed was extremely fast, like a black smoke, he caught up to Luo Jie.

Lu Ning exploded with rage and shouted, "Chase! Chase them inside.....kill them!" Even though he has exhaled out his Innate Fu Book, because he was not prepared for the attack he was not able to even activate a single Fu, he could only watch as Luo Jie's group entered the Mysterious Land.

Everything happened within a minute before Luo Jie's group charged into the Mysterious Land.

"Who were those people? Who the f\*\*k was it?!"

Lu Ning was usually very calm, but this time he was truly mad, the attack just now has killed at least 70 to 80 people with a hundred injured, there was nothing he could do but become filled with anger.

A Beast Master said, "It seems to be people from the North Fu Sect." Everyone was chatting and someone said, "That was a Zhou Great Master! Along with a Fu Warrior Great Master! Truly terrifying!"

"How is that possible? If there were two Great Masters, they would have enough strength to kill all of us, why did they rush into the Mysterious Land?"

"You fool! If they do not hurry into the Mysterious Land, it would be a great loss if the entrance suddenly closes."

Lu Ning immediately came back to his senses and shouted, "2 people wait here, everyone else get ready to enter the Mysterious Land, we have to be fast!" Lu Ning would not be able to find a place to hide and cry if the entrance suddenly close.

The entrance to the Mysterious Land has begun to shrink, at the beginning it was over 200 meters long, but now it was less than 150 meters and it was not stopping.

Lu Ning began to worry, he quickly rushed into the Mysterious Land and shouted, "Faster! Get in here, damn.....forget about the formation, just quickly get in!" It was rare for him to curse, but he could not hold it in this time, "Are you pigs!? Bring the supplies and war horses in too....."

Immediately, a few Beast Warriors rushed into the Mysterious Land with the horses. If they had no supplies, it would not be a problem of survival, but it would become troublesome. There were many beasts within the Mysterious Land, so meat would not be scarce, but flour and other condiments were harder to obtain.

Lu Ning asked, "Which direction did they head towards?"

A Beast Master said, "Towards the mountain.....straight ahead!"

At that time they could still see Luo Jie's team, it looked like a group of small black dots. Lu Ning's face turned gloomy because he knew that the scouting squad in that direction would be in trouble. A moment later, he laughed and said, "Hmph, those 2 idiots! If they stuck around the entrance, half of us would be killed, but now.....just wait and see!"

"Quick! The entrance is closing, how many people came in?"

"There are 573 people who came in, 116 are injured and two are outside!"

Lu Ning looked around nervously and said with confidence, "Forget about it, launch the signals and wait for the scouting squads to come back. We have to go, we cannot stay here for long!"

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12th was feeling very excited, he observed everything carefully as they rushed into the Mysterious Land, the scenery within the Mysterious Land was completely different than outside. It was like a completely different world, the scenery outside was full of life, but it was completely lifeless here. When 12th noticed this he was truly puzzled.

The war horses were having difficulty walking up the mountain path because there were numerous rocks. Each step caused waves of rocks to roll down, causing dust to fly everywhere.

A Fu Warrior Master reported, “Elder, look.....they are heading up towards the mountain.”

There was nowhere to hide so they could clearly see the people of the Beast Raising Fu Sect moving towards the mountains.

Luo Jie smiled and said, “We do not have to worry about them. We need to reach the top of this mountain first and figure out what kind of Mysterious Land we have entered and decide whether to continue forth or not.”

The mountain did not look very high, but it took 2 days for everyone on their horses to reach the top. When they stood at the peak and looked toward the distance, everyone had looks of surprise. There was a huge grassland in front of them, it had lots of bushes and groups of small black dots can be seen, it should all be herbivores wandering around in the grasslands.

Luo Jie said, “This is amazing, one side of the mountain is lifeless, but when we reach the peak, we can see that the other side is full of life.”

Qi Nan Shan said seriously, “There are many herbivores here.....which means that there should be a lot of carnivorous beasts here too, we are not sure how fierce the beasts here are, hopefully we can find some Fu Beasts, Haha, if there are Fu Beasts, it will be a great gain.”

Fu Beasts, 12th has learned about them a long time ago. These types of Beast are born with Fu Inscriptions and Fu Skills. There are different strength levels for Fu Beasts, the weakest are the Ordinary Fu Beast, they have simple Fu Inscriptions and even though they are powerful, they are not impossible to handle, an ordinary squad can easily fight against them.

The more powerful Beasts are known as Variant Fu Beasts. They are extremely bizarre, their Fu changes without notice, some can become extremely powerful while others can become even less powerful than Ordinary Fu Beast, those were known as Failed Variants.

The most powerful Beasts can create spirits, an encounter against them is very rare, they are known as the Spirit Fu Beasts and their strength is comparable to Great Masters.

Finding Fu Beasts is not their only objective of entering the Mysterious Land, finding FuZhou Masters who have died from ancient times is just as important because there are usually treasures by their side.

Luo Zhan rode over on his horse and said, “Elder, I have found the way down the mountain.”

Luo Jie smiled, “Good! Let’s go! Ha!” He charged forward and left, with

12th following quietly. Chen Hong, Huo Bao, Chen Bing, Hong Shi was closely behind, the four of them were truly overjoyed. They were extremely lucky to have entered a Mysterious Land at such a young age. Of course, if they were not accompanied by Luo Jie and all the other Fu Masters, entering the Mysterious Land would not be considered fortunate, it would be a misfortune.

It was even more difficult going down the mountain, a dozen horses fell and died. Fortunately, Luo Jie's group brought in a sufficient number of horses so they did not really worry about it.

After a day, the group has reached the foot of the mountain. Luo Jie said, "Ok Luo Zhan, sent out a scouting squad, we'll set up camp here. It's getting dark, everyone have to be careful."

The group was now in a meadow, everyone began to unload their saddle and supplies off the horses so the horses can freely eat grass. A few war horses were still fully equiped in case of emergencies.

12th and his teammates covered an area around the meadow with a couple beast leathers and invited Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan over to sit down, afterwards everyone was busy setting up the cooking equipments. Huo Bao was getting ready to get water when Qi Nan Shan said, "Boil the water later, I want to go get some fresh meat, Xiao Feng, Da Lin, Huo Bao and 12th, come with me!"

12th pointed at his nose and said in surprise, "Grandpa Nan Shan, did you tell me to go?"

Qi Nan Shan said, "Practice cutting the meat and stripping the skin off

the beast!”

12th knew that he could not run as fast as the Fu Warriors so he said, “Ok, Grandpa Nan Shan, you have to carry me on your back.” He then said to Chen Hong, “Little Hong, you boil the water first so that everyone can drink some hot water.”

Qi Nan Shan shook his head and grinned, “You're lazy, come on.”

12th happily climbed up Qi Nan Shan’s back and said, “Grandpa Nan Shan, I don't have any other choice, you guys run too fast, unless I ride on a horse I won't be able to keep up, but that would alarm the prey.”

They ran into the distant and 12th felt the scenery was quickly reversing. Xiao Feng and Da Lin were both Fu Warrior Masters, Xiao Feng was leading Huo Bao. They were jumping around and leaping in and out of ditches as they sped forward.

The sun was setting, the orange light was shining onto the ground. 12th watched the sunset strangely and thought to himself, “Damn, there are even sunsets in the Mysterious Land?”

Qi Nan Shan suddenly got into a lowered position and quietly said, “There is a group up ahead.....hmm, bisons? Hairy bisons!”

12th said quietly, “Don't attack the old ones, just attack the young ones!”

Qi Nan Shan wondered and said, “Why?”

12th smiled, "The young ones.....have more tender meat....." He slid down Qi Nan Shan's back.

Qi Nan Shan cursed with a smile, "Little weasel.....such a picky eater! Ok, everyone pay attention, we have to kill 5 young bison, I will get 3, Xiao Feng and Da Lin each of you get one." Qi Nan Shan jumped out and recklessly charged towards the bison right after he finished giving out the orders. He hit a bison on the skull before it even had a chance to react.

Poof!

One hit has cracked the hard skull of the bison. The bison did not make a sound, it slowly fell down on the ground and died. Qi Nan Shan jumped out again and just relied on the power of that hit to hunt the other bison.

At that time, both Xiao Feng and Da Lin has found their prey. A Fu broadsword suddenly appeared in Xiao Feng's hand and with a streak of green light the broadsword sliced off the head of the bison.

Da Lin held onto a Fu rod as he charged in front of the running bison. With a shout, the Fu rod flashed with a "bang". The Fu Rod was aimed right between the eyes of the bison, even though the head of the rod was flat, it was like a sharp spear as it pierced into the bison's skull. Da Lin then jumped up with the rod which caused the bison to fiercely move over due to the momentum. Da Lin landed on the side and swept across with his Fu rod and with a crack, the foreleg of the bison was cracked as it fell onto the ground with a loud crash.

Qi Nan Shan killed three bisons with three hits from his palm, to him, it was as easy as killing a chicken, it was not troublesome at all.

Dragging the five bisons together, Qi Nan Shan said with a smile, “12th, next is your job,”

12th was speechless as he looked at the five bisons. Even though all the bisons were about 1 year old, he was only 9 years old and it was a little excessive to have him handle all of them. He could not help but say, “Grandpa Nan Shan, are you sure I can handle all of this?”

Qi Nan Shan did not treat 12th like a child anymore, he has already unconsciously treated him like an adult. This little child was truly extraordinary, he said without thinking, “Of course, are there any problems?”

12th could not help but shout, “I'm only 9 years old! You're an Elder, you are actually telling me to cut up all the bisons? That is child abuse.....”

Qi Nan Shan was shocked, Xiao Feng and Da Lin could not help but laugh and Huo Bao said, “I will help you!”

12th rolled his eyes and asked, “How old are you?”

Huo Bao lifted his chest up and proudly said, “I'm 13!”

Qi Nan Shan was a little embarrassed and said, “Ok, I'll help, is it ok to have you two cut up one bison? We'll handle the rest.”

12th said with satisfaction, “Huo Bao, come help me!”

It was fortunate that 12th had a strong body, Huo Bao was even stronger so he turned the dead bison over and 12th prepared a cutting Fu knife which was specialized for the dissection and skinning of beasts. The skin of the bison can be made into a very good leather material, but for this trip they did not need it so they did not take any. 12th quickly chopped off four legs and two ribs, everything else was discarded, he then puts the meaty bones into a Fu Hidden bag.

As they were preparing, dozens of hyenas and scavenger vultures went towards them, a couple hyenas tried to grab some meat, but Xian Feng killed them off with his Fu broadsword. The other hyenas then waited patiently and did not dare go, they knew that these people were not to be trifled with.

The preparation speed of Qi Nan Shan was a lot faster than 12th, everyone was waiting to the side as they watched 12th dissect the bison skillfully. Qi Nan Shan watched for a moment before asking, "Xiao Feng, do you think 12th is just a child?"

Xiao Feng said, “Yes!” Looking at Qi Nan Shan stare, he suppressed his laughter and said, “But, he does not look like a child when he is working.”

Qi Nan Shan patted him on the shoulders, which almost made him fall over. Qi Nan Shan smiled and said, “That's right, this child.....is not like

a child, therefore.....it's hard to blame me for treating him like an adult.”

With a displeased smile, Xiao Feng rubbed his shoulders and blamed himself, he knew that this Elder could not take any jokes, but he teased him anyways. It resulted in just a little slap, which was not that bad..

Qi Nan Shan said, “Let’s go, the smell of blood here is too strong, it will soon attract the fiercer beasts.” He carried 12th on his back and led Xiao Feng and Da Lin who was carrying Huo Bao back quickly. The hyenas and vultures who waited for them to leave, rushed forward and created a mess.

There were no incidents that night.

The next day, 12th looked toward the endless grasslands, it was extremely mysterious because the grassland was covered with a thin mist. Luo Jie stood next to him and said, "12th, the environment of the Mysterious Land is very strange, it is very calm now, but you will see some strange things soon."

12th asked, “What will we encounter?”

Luo Jie shook his head and said, “Even I don't know, Haha, the so-called Mysterious Land is truly unpredictable, only the known Mysterious Lands which has been explored is unsurprising. The Mysterious Land we have entered this time is completely unknown, nobody knows what is up ahead, even I have to be careful."

Qi Nan Shan ordered everyone to pack up their stuff and asked, “Elder,



which direction are we heading towards?"

Luo Jie pointed to the direction the sun rised from and smiled, "The East!"

Everyone looked towards the high-spirited old man in silence, Luo Jie was completely different from before, he became very excited after entering the Mysterious Land. Qi Nan Shan said with a smile, "Then to the East! Let's go!" He rode on the horse and said, "Luo Zhan, take two people and ride ahead to scout, pay attention to your surroundings, be careful of attacks from beasts."

Some of the war horses died when they rushed into the Mysterious Land, but this did not stop their advance. Luo Jie's group had 25 people in total and everyone had 4 to 5 horses. Everyone was prepared to move with their horses as Luo Zhan and two Fu Warriors charged ahead to scout.

A moment later, the whole group began to move, they sped through the thick grass.

The large group of herbivores got frightened and escaped in different directions, the sound of the hooves has crushed the silence of the grassland.

The wind was blowing gently, 12th made an effort to straighten up his body against the wind and shouted happily. Luo Jie cursed with a smile, "Why are you shouting! You scared me!"

12th laughed, “This is a very cool feeling! Riding across the grassland.....Haha, So wonderful!” He then shouted once more. Huo Bao thought it was fun, so he followed 12th and howled along. All the Fu Warrior Masters and Fu Warriors were in high spirits so they also roared one after another, the herbivores who ran away earlier began to run even faster.

Qi Nan Shan also followed along and howled loudly, it overrode the roars from everyone else, he then said, “Okay, no more howling, it will not be good if we attract the Fu Beasts.”

12th was puzzled and said, “Aren’t we going to hunt the Fu Beasts? It will be good if they come, I heard that their meat is very delicious!”

Qi Nan Shan said, “You little glutton, always thinking about food! You think it’s that easy killing a Fu Beast? We have to find out what type of Fu Beast it is first, it will be fine if we encounter an ordinary Fu Beast, but if we encounter a Variant Fu Beast unprepared, Ah! That would be interesting.”

Luo Jie said, “Nan Shan! You big mouth! It has really come true!”

An earth-shattering roar came from far away.

Everyone was shocked and turned pale, the war horses trembled in fear.

Qi Nan Shan said, “It’s none of my business!” He then shouted loudly, “Protect the Elder! Xiao Feng, Da Lin, follow me in restraining the Fu

Beast! Be ready to fight!”

## Chapter 6 - The Horrible Sandstorm

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12th did not get frightened at all. He did not know how fierce a Fu Beasts could be; he only felt curious. He really wanted to see what a Fu Beast was like.

All of a sudden, Luo Jie said, "It's not a Variant Fu Beast. It should just be an Ordinary Fu Beast, but it is really big. We have to be careful. It's a power type beast." He then exhaled his Innate Fu Book, tapped it, and opened it. He did not fly into the air this time. He stayed on the horse and watched quietly as Qi Nan Shan's group tried to restrain it. He was waiting for an opportunity to attack.

It was a huge bear, at least five meters tall. The bear's brown fur was exactly like a hedgehog's. It was a pretty common Fu Bear, but it was powerful. There were natural Fu Inscriptions on its body. Some traits of the Fu Warrior profession were, in fact, learned from Fu Bears. After continuous development and improvements over an extended period of time, it was perfected and became its own form of Fu Warrior techniques.

12th mumbled to himself, "What the f\*\*k? How can a bear grow that big? .....it looks like a small mountain!"

Qi Nan Shan was not short. He was 195cm in height. He could be considered tall, but when he stood next to the bear, it resembled a lion standing next to an elephant. It was a big difference.

Luo Jie said, without worry, "12th, you can attack too, but we have to wait for the right time."

Qi Nan Shan did not dare to directly fight against the Fu Bear. Fu Bears have very strong skin and flesh; they also have natural Fu Inscriptions. Even a Fu Warrior Great Master would not be able to stand if they directly took on a hit. The best way to fight against a Fu Bear was to use a hit-and-run strategy. Because Fu Bears are tall and strong, their actions are inevitably slower.

Qi Nan Shan took out a steel Fu rod. This Fu rod was not only heavy, it could also create shockwaves. It was designed to fight against power type enemies. The Fu Bear was extremely irritated; a little man dared to challenge him. The Fu Bear opened its mouth and roared in front of Qi Nan Shan. Qi Nan Shan refused to back down, so he also began to roar with his mouth wide open. They did not fight, they continued to roar at each other.

This scene caused 12th to be puzzled. A moment later, 12th came back to his sense and began to laugh. He laughed so hard he almost fell over. Watching those two was too funny.

Luo Jie did not laugh; he was closely observing the Fu Bear quietly.

The Fu rod was as thick as an egg. It was covered with Fu Inscriptions. It was made entirely of steel, and even though it was only a low level Fu Weapon, it was very strong. Qi Nan Shan suddenly shouted loudly and lifted his Fu rod above his head to attack. As the Fu rod slashed through the air, it created a sharp whistle. The Fu bear rolled its eyes and did not try to avoid it at all. The Fu Bear simply raised its paws and greeted the rod.

The expression from the Fu Bear's eyes caused 12th to laugh even harder; the Fu Bear was very interesting. Everyone was extremely nervous. They all heard 12th laughing on his horse. Chen Hong could not help but ask, "12th, why are you laughing?"

"That Fu bear.....it's very funny!"

Qi Nan Shan did not find it funny at all. The Fu Bear waved his paws and pushed him back repeatedly. The Fu Bear was too strong; if it was fighting against a Fu Warrior Master, the Fu Warrior Master would probably be spitting out blood from the shock of the paw.

Qi Nan Shan was very smart. After a while, he immediately changed his strategy. He continued to strike the Fu Bear with the Fu rod while avoiding it at the same time. The poor Fu Bear was hit in the nose. 12th could clearly see that the tears were getting ready to roll down from the Fu Bear's eyes.

Afterwards, Qi Nan Shan stabbed the Fu Bear's butt, even though he did not strike the vital area, the Fu Bear got scared and continued roaring. The Fu Bear felt that Qi Nan Shan was extremely hateful. It quickly stood up and got ready to recklessly charge towards Qi Nan Shan.

At that moment, Qi Nan Shan shouted, "Elder!"

Luo Jie smiled. It was a good opportunity. He tapped on his Innate Fu Book, and countless balls of light rose out and condensed into silver ice picks which were four meters long. Luo Jie shouted, "Go!" and more ice picks were condensed, he continuously shot out three ice picks and began to breathe heavily.

The ice picks streaked across the field as if they were launched from a ballista. The Fu Bear continued to roar and tried to block the ice picks with its paws. The first ice pick was shattered from its paws and ice particles splattered towards the Fu Bear, causing it to temporarily unable to see anything.

At that point, a second ice pick flew in and pierced the Fu Bear in the chest. The ice picks shot out by a FuZhou Great Master were extremely powerful. The impact from the ice pick caused the Fu Bear to retreat backwards, and finally, the last ice pick flew in and pierced the Fu Bear's thick neck.

*[t/n] The ice picks from Luo Jie are different from the Frostbolts 12th used before.*

Luo Jie mumbled loudly, "Burst!" the Fu Inscriptions on the ice picks suddenly disappeared.

The Fu Inscriptions held the ice pick together. When it disappeared, the ice picks burst open.

The roars of the Fu Bear quickly died out. There were two bloody holes in the Fu Bear's throat and chest. The Fu Bear was not dead yet. It truly had an indomitable life-force. With all his strength, Qi Nan Shan struck with his Fu rod right into the wound on the Fu Bear's neck. With a "pop", the Fu rod penetrated into the back of the Fu Bear's neck, and with a backflip, Qi Nan Shan escaped from the Fu Bear's dying blow.

The five meter tall Fu Bear fell onto the ground, causing a tremendous

crashing sound as if a house collapsed. 12th did not even have a chance to attack. He simply watched as the two Elders worked together to defeat the huge Fu Bear in a few minutes. That impact force was tremendous. Huo Bao watched innocently and a while later, he said, "If we fight against a Fu Bear, we will definitely die!"

12th replied, "Nonsense. Not to mention us, I'm afraid even a small squad with a little strength would also have to run away if they encountered this Fu Bear. Even if they can defeat the Fu Bear, they would suffer miserably. This Fu Bear had amazing defense, only the ice picks from a FuZhou Great Master would be able to penetrate into its body and it was only able to penetrate about a foot deep. If the ice picks did not burst open, it would not have been as effective, and together with the attacks of a Fu Warrior Great Master, the Fu Bear was completely defeated.....I now have an understanding of how fierce the Fu Beasts are."

Chen Bing said thoughtfully, "Right now, we are still disciples, we are too weak, only 12th has advanced to a FuZhou Knight.....Hmm, we have to work harder, otherwise we won't be able to synergize with 12th."

Luo Jie smiled and said, "It looks like I'm not that old, Haha 12th! 12th! Come over!"

12th immediately rode over and smiled, "Teacher, you were really powerful. You defeated the Fu Bear with a few hits! Amazing! Amazing!" Without thinking, 12th flattered his Teacher with words. Luo Jie enjoyed such flattery. The truth was that, now, almost nobody dared to speak casually in front of him. Only this little disciple of his could flatter him endlessly, he smiled and said, "12th, go dissect the Fu Bear and learn about the special body of a Fu Beast."



It was the first time 12th has actually seen a Fu Beast. 12th had only seen bones of Fu Beasts before in the Inner Court, so he smiled and said, "Ok, let's see what a Fu Beast is."

When 12th stood next to the dead body of the Fu Bear, it was then that he understood how big the Fu Bear was. It was truly a small mountain; the arm of the bear was a couple times thicker than his waist. It looked very scary. The sharp claws were actually more than a foot long. It would be miserable if someone was hit with the claws.

12th grabbed a claw from the bear and broke it off. It looked like he was carrying a scimitar. What was interesting was that the Fu Inscriptions on the claw were similar to the Fu Inscriptions 12th had seen before.

"Ah, dissecting this huge bear will not be easy."

Luo Jie replied, "It's easy, when the Fu Bear is dead, the Fu Inscriptions on its body will not get activated. It will be similar to how you dissect an ordinary beast, just a bit bigger."

12th now understood and said, "Ok, I will try."

He climbed on top of the Fu Bear and saw the wounds on the chest and neck. Both of the wounds were extremely large. There were large chunks of coagulated blood around the wounds. The Fu Bear's mouth was open with both its eyes looking up towards the sky. It died in grievance.

No matter what kind of Fu Beast it was, there would be treasure all

over its body. 12th collected all the blood. First, the blood needed to be refined quickly after being obtained. This huge Fu Bear could refine about 50kg of purified blood essence. 12th used a specialized tube and suction device to suck out the blood. Afterwards, he performed the Four Fu purification method. It took 12th half an hour to complete the process. When he finished, he noticed that everyone had already set up their tents and were getting ready to rest.

“Chen Hong, Huo Bao, boil some water quickly, we will cook the Fu meat!”

Luo Jie observed on the side and directed 12th. This was considered a lesson; it would be useful to 12th in the future. All of the skin, bone, and fur of a Fu Beast could be considered a treasure. Almost all of the Fu Beasts’ skin was covered in natural Fu Inscriptions. With a little processing, the materials could become finished goods. For example, the skin of the Fu Bear could become Fu armor. If it was refined well, it could be made into at least seven to eight Fu armor sets. It was the same with the bones, since they also had Fu Inscriptions. After processing, they could be made into a single use defensive Fu. As for the meat of the Fu Bear, even though it could be used for creating Fu, it could be eaten; it was extremely delicious.

When 12th finished dissecting the Fu Bear, he was breathing heavily. He was only nine years old after all. After he nonstop refined and dissected the huge body of the Fu Bear, he was covered in blood and was thoroughly exhausted. He sat on the ground and said, “Teacher, this is child abuse.....Ah, I am so tired.....”

Luo Jie kept on laughing. He was very satisfied with 12th’s performance. 12th was not arrogant nor impatient. He was immersed with the dissection of the Fu Bear. He did not waste anything. Luo Jie

was a little sad seeing 12th being so exhausted so he said, “Good job, go wash yourself and get ready to eat.”

12th was indeed exhausted. He said, “Let me sleep a bit first.....” He staggered to the front of his tent, and jumped in before falling asleep. Fortunately, 12th had a very strong soul. After sleeping for half an hour, he walked out of the tent full of energy. He washed his face, changed his clothes, then sat in front of the cooking vessels, and started eating the meat of the Fu Bear.

He grabbed a piece of the meat and bit hard and he was instantly stunned. The meat of the Fu Bear had a taste that he had never sensed before. It was fresh and tender; it was extremely delicious. 12th said in surprise, "Damn, meat can have such a taste?"

Chen Hong brought in a small copper pot of meat soup; there were scallions inside. The rich and delicious smell filled 12th's nostrils. Chen Hong said, “12th, drink this soup, there is bread too.”

He placed down the pot in front of 12th and handed him a copper spoon. 12th said his thanks and began to fiercely eat. He was dying of hunger. He only stopped when food was up to his throat. He then said with satisfaction, "Ah, I feel a lot better now."

That night 12th slept very soundly. He noticed his soul once again became stronger after chanting.

Early in the morning, 12th was awoken by the sound outside. He could vaguely hear Qi Nan Shan giving a speech about Fu Beasts. 12th quickly got up and ran outside. Qi Nan Shan was sitting on a horse while talking

to Fu Warrior Masters and Fu Warriors. 12th found Huo Bao and asked, "What is Grandpa Nan Shan doing?"

Huo Bao said, "Nothing much, He's just reminding everyone that we will soon enter the Active Region of Fu Beasts and is reminding everyone to be careful."

Qi Nan Shan said, "I've said everything that needs to be said. Remember that the Active Region of Fu Beasts is also the Active Region for the ancient Fu people. Pay attention to the ground as we travel. If you discover any bones, do not ignore it, carefully examine it and check if there is anything useful there."

Luo Jie interrupted, "You must report back if you discover any abandoned buildings. There will always be treasures inside! Remember to not provoke a large group of Fu Beasts. With our strength, it should not be a problem to fight against two to three Fu Beast, but there will be problems if we fight against more, if that happens.....someone among us will most likely die within this Mysterious Land!"

Qi Nan Shan said, "Also, if you encounter anyone from the Beast Raising Fu Sect, mercilessly kill them off if you can. When you meet them.....no nonsense, just immediately kill those dirty swines!"

"Pack up and get ready to leave. We don't know what we will encounter today. Everyone be careful."

12th realized that Qi Nan Shan was patiently telling everyone to be careful over and over again, he understood that the road in front of them was not going to be easy.

Everyone got on their horses and left under the orders of Qi Nan Shan.

They went towards the East.

For seven straight days, there were no encounters with ordinary beasts or Fu Beasts. They saw a few herbivores at the start of the journey, but as they traveled further, they could not even see herbivores anymore. This caused everyone to be puzzled. Where did the Fu Bear they encountered in the beginning come from?"

The grass on the ground was gradually disappearing, replaced with brown land. The air was extremely dry, even the blowing wind was hot. 12th could not stop wiping his sweat as he looked enviously at his teacher, who was covered with a shining Fu glow which blocked off the hot air, there was not even a drop of sweat on his teacher's face.

Within this hot land, only Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan were unaffected, even Fu Warrior Masters were sweating.

The rumbling sound of horse hooves broke off the silence of the land, and soon, the land was barren. There were no plants nor animals that could be seen. The land was very bizarre; there were no traces of life.

12th could not bear the silence. He rode forward and caught up with Luo Jie and said, "Teacher, it is very strange here.....it doesn't feel right."

Luo Jie said, "Don't worry, this is just a characteristic of the Mysterious Lands, the changing scenery of every step. Even though it's a bit of an

exaggeration, the fact is that it's true. Perhaps it was snowing like the winter just a few days ago, and now it is as hot as the summer. Just a few days ago we saw the vibrant grasslands, but now we see a barren desert, this is normal."

12th secretly whispered to himself, even a desert is not as barren as this. There were no signs of life here; it was just a land of death. It was truly bizarre.

The horses ran across the desert and created a blast of dust everywhere. Everyone hoped to get out of the desert region as fast as possible. 12th could not help but think of a phrase from his previous life, this godforsaken place was just like the Gobi Desert.

Zhan Luo, who scouted ahead, rushed back with the two Fu Warriors. He shouted from the distance of a hundred meters, "Run that way! Don't stop.....that way....." His voice was extremely loud. It could be heard over the rumbling sound of the horses. Qi Nan Shan immediately stood up on the horseback and looked towards the distance. A few seconds later he sat back down and shouted, "Towards the left.....follow me!"

A light rumbling sound could be heard. 12th turned around to look and saw a curtain of brown stuff which stretched from the ground all the way to the sky moving towards them. He said in surprise, "What is that? A sandstorm?"

Qi Nan Shan took the lead of the group.

12th, again, praised the strength of the horses from this world. They ran for three to four hours, and even though they were not running at full

speed, it was still a long run. Despite that, the horses still had energy left. 12th asked, "Teacher, what was that?"

Luo Jie looked a bit pale and said, "I don't know, but it absolutely cannot be good, we have to go as far away as possible."

The rumbling sound was getting louder and louder. 12th constantly turned around and looked. He had excellent vision and vaguely saw lots of black dots. Soon, he clearly saw that the black dots were actually beasts running away. They were chased by the violent sandstorm which reached the skies. 12th shouted loudly, "Look, there are beasts.....and people too!"

Luo Jie turned around to look and shouted, "Don't worry about that, run! Run faster....."

12th immediately understood that since the beasts were madly running away like it was the day of apocalypse, he could imagine how horrible the sandstorm was. 12th gave a hard slap to the back of the horse.

The speed of the horses accelerated again, Luo Jie was uncertain of the situation and continued shouting, "If your horse is exhausted, immediately change to another one, do not spare using another horse!" Everyone had four to five horses; they continued swapping between horses. When they noticed that the speed of their horse was a bit slow, they immediately change to another one.

Fortunately, the horses were tough. They were able to run and recover at the same time as long as the weight on their back was reduced. Only seven or eight horses got too tired and were left behind. Nobody could

take care of those horses; they could only move forward.

Luo Jie's group had more horses than people, and the sandstorm behind them was moving forward at a very slow pace. Therefore, after running for two hours, they no longer saw the sandstorm, but the area around them was even more barren than before.

Qi Nan Shan shouted, "Stop! Rest! Feed the horses with water and food. Remember.....use the best fodder and add some salt! Everyone use this time to have some dry food and to drink water."

Luo Jie shouted loudly, "Do it fast, we will immediately move when the horses recover."

12th jumped off the horse, took out a rectangular bronze bowl from his Fu Hidden bag, and gave water to his horses. After the long run at this unbearable hot land, the horses were hungry and thirsty.

Huo Bao was eating braised meat while Chen Hong was the only one feeding the horses. 12th scolded, "Huo Bao, Hong Shi, Chen Bing.....put down the meat and feed the horses! You guys can eat while you ride! Taking care of your horse is the most important task right now. If your horses are weak, who can save you here?"

Huo Bao, Hong Shi, and Chen Bing quickly blushed and placed away the braise meat. They started to feed their horses. Almost everyone was doing the same thing; the horses were their only means of survival.

12th soaked a brush into clean water and began brushing the horses to



cool them down. Even though 12th was young, he was still responsible for his own horses.

Twenty minutes later, a faint rumbling sound could be heard and Qi Nan Shan shouted, "Hurry and eat something! We will be moving soon!"

Fortunately, there were horses from the Beast Raising Fu Sect. Those horses were stronger than the ones from the North Fu Sect. The horses which got left behind were all from the North Fu Sect and the horses from the Beast Raising Fu Sect were the ones which still had spare energy remaining.

After about half an hour, Luo Jie's group could clearly see the sandstorm and the pack of beasts running away in the front. The land shook a bit. When 12th carefully observed the sandstorm, he said, "That thing does not act like a sandstorm.....it looks like it is being controlled."

Qi Nan Shan shouted, "Get on your horses.....Go!"

12th easily climbed up on his horse and said to his teammates, "We are light, the burden on our horse will also be light. There will not be any danger if we pay attention to our horses. We need to change horses frequently to lessen the burden on them and let them maintain full strength longer. Do not get left behind!"

The horses began to move again.

Even though the horses were not fully recovered, after the short rest, they were already energized. From a jog to a run, the speed of the horses

grew faster and faster.

After running for four hours, the sandstorm was far behind again. Starting from the morning, the group ran for almost eight hours, with breaks which lasted less than thirty minutes. Not to mention the horses, even the people could not stand anymore.

Luo Jie shouted, “Nan Shan, take a break. The horses are tired!”

There were dozens of horses who died of exhaustion this time, they bolted straight into the ground as they ran. There was no possibility of treatment, and even if the horses could be saved, there was no time to stop for the treatments.

“It's already the afternoon, the sky will turn dark within a few hours.....”

Qi Nan Shan's tone was a little serious. The horses were animals after all. They were not machines. Continuous running has gradually exhausted their strength; it could not be recovered within a couple tens of minutes.

Luo Jie said decisively, “Dismount and rest!”

The group rested a bit longer this time, forty minutes, but seeing the sandstorm come over, they fled again. Everyone was gloomy because up to that point they still did not know anything about the sandstorm. They noticed the beasts which were running in front of the sandstorm had gradually dispersed. There were a few horses mixed in with the beast, but

it was too far away to clearly see.

After another four hours of running, half the horses within Luo Jie's group died of exhaustion. All five of 12th's horses survived. He shared three horses because a few Fu Warrior Masters only had one horse remaining. If they continued to run and their horse died, then there was nothing they could do.

There were less than sixty horses remaining. All of the supplies on the horsebacks were thrown away. It was fortunate that there were Fu Hidden bags to hold supplies, so throwing away the supplies carried by the horses did not matter much. However, after so much running, the horses were exhausted.

Luo Jie looked toward the distance and said, "If we find ruins, we could temporarily use them as shelter."

It was dusk. The horses were covered with sweat, and the sound of heavy breathes from the horses made the group worried.

Even though the sandstorm got left behind again, everyone knew that it was only a matter of time before the sandstorm showed up.

Without notice, Luo Jie smiled and said, "Looks like we will be saved!"

## Chapter 7 - Run Away Crazy

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Right after Luo Jie finished talking, Qi Nan Shan laughed loudly. He pointed to the distance and said, "Look! Those horses belong to the Beast Raising Fu Sect!" 12th immediately understood that his teacher wanted to steal the horses. The people of the Beast Raising Fu Sect came from another direction; they shouldn't know anything about the sandstorm, meaning, their horses should not be exhausted.

Luo Jie said, "Luo Zhan, bring a couple men and follow me. Nan Shan, you go up front, and do not let them escape."

Luo Zhan and four Fu Warrior Masters got onto their horses. Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan took the lead. The seven of them rushed forward like a whirlwind, they did not care about the horse's energy levels, so they pushed the horses as hard as they could.

12th had already jumped off his horse, but he quickly climbed back on and stood up on the horse's back because he wanted to see how his teacher was going to steal the horses. 12th hated the people of the Beast Raising Fu Sect because they were immoral and inhumane; he did not feel any guilt from stealing their horses.

The plan to steal the horses went smoothly. Luo Jie floated in the air and exhaled his Innate Fu Book, and with a simple sentence, the Beast Raising Fu Sect group surrendered.

"Leave all the horses here and you guys can escape, if there is any resistance then there will be no survivors!"

This group of people from the Beast Raising Fu Sect had seen Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan's attacks from before. They knew that these two were Great Masters. They understood that with their strength, they were not a match against the two Great Masters. Therefore, they immediately decided to leave without the horses when they heard Luo Jie's proposition. They clearly understood that if they resisted, the results would be death; there would not even be a chance to escape.

This group consisted of dozens of people with more than one hundred and thirty horses. They were all driven back by Luo Zhan and the four Fu Warrior Masters.

Luo Jie's group immediately changed horses and unloaded the supplies on the horse. At this moment, allowing the horses to run at their maximum strength was the most important. They relied on the horses to survive and did not want to put extra burden on them.

Now, there were twenty-five people with almost two hundred horses. Everyone was assigned seven or eight horses. Qi Nan Shan said, "Everyone pick two good horses first. The rest will be randomly assigned. Remember, to reserve the strength of the two good horses; they should only be used at critical moments."

Everyone got onto their horses and rushed quickly into the distant, not waiting for the sandstorm to arrive.

When Luo Jie's group rode pass the people of the Beast Raising Fu Sect, 12th shouted loudly, "We thank you for the horses.....on behalf of the people who have died in the small town!" Afterwards, 12th saluted

with his left hand moving across his throat.

The people looked at him in confusion, they did not know what 12th meant.

As the horses ran further away, someone from the Beast Raising Fu Sect asked, "What did that child mean?"

"Don't know, but from his tone.....seems happy for our misfortune....."

"Look, the supplies we put on the horses are all on the ground, go pick them up!"

"Oh no, look, what is that?"

The ground trembled slightly and the people from the Beast Raising Fu Sect looked confused. Nobody reacted to the slow moving sandstorm yet, they continued to run towards the supplies on the ground.

In only ten minutes, the sandstorm could be clearly seen, the beasts who were running in the front of it were scattered about. They were really good at running, but they were beginning to feel exhausted. Some of the beasts were not able to continue and got devoured by the sandstorm from time to time.

The people of the Beast Raising Fu Sect finally understood why the two Great Masters took their horses and let them live. They also understood why 12th saluted them while moving his hand across his throat. They turned pale as they watched the slow moving sandstorm. One of them

said in despair, "F\*\*k.....what is that?"

“Run!”

The people of the Beast Raising Fu Sect were not completely hopeless; they had useful methods for escaping. There was a specialized Beast Fu where the beast sealed within the Fu could be released, but this type of Fu could only be used once. Someone of the Beast Raising Fu Sect crushed a Beast Fu, and a huge wolf appeared. That person quickly jumped onto the wolf and ordered the wolf to run away.

Almost everyone within the Beast Raising Fu Sect group had Beast Fu, but not all of them had beasts which were good at running. Someone released a strong wild boar which caused others to look at him like an idiot. The wild boars were great at short sprints but were weak at long distance runs. They could not be compared to canine type beasts, but at that moment, nobody had time to talk because they were all trying to flee.

The person who released the wild boar was in the lead, but after ten minutes the boar slowed down and began to breathe heavily. The person watched as his companions ran further away, he shouted, "Someone give me a Beast Fu, I will buy it with all my money!"

Nobody answered him. What a joke, at this time the Beast Fu were extremely precious; each beast released could only be controlled for two to three hours. Afterwards, they would need to release another beast or wait for the sandstorm to catch up. Everyone understood the importance of the Beast Fu and were not willing to sell theirs.

Beast Fu is the lowest-level Fu of the West Fu Sect. Normally people only carried a few on them. Beast Fu were not valuable so nobody carried a lot. This meant that after losing the horses the Beast Raising Fu Sect group was destined to die because it was impossible to escape with so few Beast Fu.

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Luo Jie's group continued running through the night without stopping. They rested for forty minutes every four hours. It was lucky that they were able to acquire more than one hundred horses, otherwise they would not have been able to run so far.

Early in the morning, after a night of running, half of the horses were exhausted to death. Most of the horses were already exhausted the day before. After running for the whole night, both the people and the horses were extremely exhausted.

12th's face turned pale, the running was unbearable for him, but thanks to his incredible willpower he was able to hold onto the horse and closely follow the group without falling a step behind. Luo Jie was full of admiration for 12th. Even the adults were tired, but a nine-year-old child did not utter a sound of complaint and was continuously boosting the morale of his teammates. The child's perseverance was truly admirable.

Huo Bao and the other teammates were truly exhausted, but when they saw 12th, who was even younger than them continue to move on and encourage them, they were also able to persevere. They could not be weaker than 12th no matter what because they had Fu Warrior's potential. Even though 12th's physical strength was not lower than theirs after his FuZhou Knight's advancement, 12th was still younger



than them.

“Take a rest! Get down and rest!”

12th's whole body was tingling; his whole body was numb. He slid off his horse with all his strength and leaned on it. After feeling the ground, 12th bumped on his horse. After riding for such a long time, he had grown accustomed to the balance of riding and didn't feel comfortable standing.

Luo Jie said, “Luo Zhan, go take care of 12th's horse and allow him to take a nap. This child is too tired.” He was afraid that 12th was going to faint from exhaustion.

12th firmly rejected. He knew that he had to strengthen his willpower and challenge his own limits. It would definitely be beneficial to his cultivation. How could he accept Luo Zhan's help? Also, Luo Zhan, himself, was exhausted too and still had other matters to take care of.

12th took out a bronze bowl, filled it with water, and let the horse drink. Then he took out the finest fodder and fed it to his horse. After taking care of his horse, he took out some braised meat and began to eat while drinking water. He fell asleep subconsciously while eating.

12th woke up when he heard Qi Nan Shan's shout. 12th felt that his fatigue was swept away. A Child's ability to recover was amazing. After half an hour of sleep, 12th had regained his strength.

Normally, the rumbling sound of the sandstorm could be heard after

forty minutes of rest, but this time the sandstorm did not appear even after fifty minutes. 12th asked innocently, "The sandstorm is not here yet?"

After fifty minutes of rest, the horses also recovered their strength, and Qi Nan Shan said, "We will continue to run regardless of the sandstorm. We can ride slowly for a bit so the horses don't get exhausted too fast. Ok, get on the horses, we are moving!"

12th climbed on to his horse and asked Huo Bao, "Hua Boa, did you guys get any sleep?"

Huo Bao nodded, "All of us slept a little. Ah, I really hoped that we could sleep a bit longer; it wasn't enough....." He yawned and laughed, "But, the short sleep was very good."

The horses set off again. This time, they did not run at their fastest pace; instead, they just moved slowly.

Luo Jie called 12th to ride next to him and asked, "12th, do you feel better?"

12th said, "Teacher, I feel much better. Haha, but I am still hungry. I'm planning to eat while riding."

Luo Jie said, "Then eat a little faster. Once the horses begin to run, you won't be able to eat."

12th nodded and took out the braised meat prepared by Auntie Xin

from the Fu Hidden bag. They were all palm-sized pieces of meat; his stomach was rumbling and growling from hunger. The braised meat was well cooked by Auntie Xin. After listening to his advice, it felt like the curry beef jerky from his previous life, Auntie Xin made it even more delicious.

It caused Huo Bao's mouth to water, he came over and asked, "12th, do you have more? Those were made by Auntie Xin, right?"

12th brought along a lot of braised meat. He took some out and distributed them to his teammates and said, "Eat as fast as possible; we will not be able to eat once the horses speed up."

After moving for about two hours, the sandstorm still did not appear. The ground was beginning to show signs of life. Grass was scattered across the ground. Luo Jie took a deep breath and said, "It looks like we are out of danger!"

Qi Nan Shan said, "Elder, I think we need to reach that area to be consider truly out of danger." He point to the mountain in the distance.

12th looked around. The surrounding was still silent; the only the sound that could be heard was that of the horse hooves. He asked, "Teacher, what was that sandstorm?"

Luo Jie said, "I don't know and don't want to find out. If the group got swallowed up by that sandstorm, only Nan Shan and I would have been able to escape, but everyone else would not have been as fortunate. Just think about why that land did not have any signs of life and you'll understand how dangerous that sandstorm was. Haha, we were lucky to

be able to steal these horses, otherwise.....we might still be running from that sandstorm."

Qi Nan Shan said, "Elder, we still have to be careful. Let's leave this area first. I feel that this area is too bizarre."

Luo Jie thought for a little and said, "Yes, it does feel bizarre. We cannot relax. Sometimes it is that last moment which is the most regrettable. Let's move faster!" Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan were full of knowledge and experience. The saying, "older people are less daring" is true.

The horses accelerated again. After seeing the mountain in the distance, the group did not worry about the horse's energy and moved quickly.

Even though the mountain was visible, it took a long time to get there. The horses fell one after another, and there were only half left when they arrived at the foot of the mountain.

Qi Nan Shan looked at the endless cliff and said, "We will split into two groups, walk along the cliff, and find a path to get up the mountain immediately!"

12th looked at the thousand meter tall cliff and could not help but exclaimed, "Truly terrifying! I wonder if this was caused by the sandstorm!"

The entire cliff was completely concaved in, there were no signs of life

next to the cliff. Looking up, one can see a hint of green which meant that the top of the cliff was safe from the sandstorm.

The two groups rode in different directions trying to find a passage way up the mountain, about twenty minutes later a Signal Fu was launched into the sky. Luo Jie said, Good, we have finally found a way, let's go." Everyone was relieved because they saw a countless number of skeletons under the cliff, the skeletons belonged to the people and beast who fled towards the cliff, but were not able to find a way up.

Luo Jie glanced at the skeletons with regret because there were probably things of value within the skeletons, but they did not have time to look.

Running quickly along the cliff, the group soon saw a huge gap. This gap was formed after a section of the cliff has collapsed, Qi Nan Shan inspected the path and immediately understood that they had to abandon their horses because the horses were unable to climb up the path full of scattered boulders. He shouted loudly, "Bring all your belongings, abandon the horses! Do not wait! We do not have time to waste."

12th looked at the 7 to 8 meter tall boulders and said bitterly, "I don't think I can climb up!"

Luo Jie smiled, "Your teacher cannot climb up too!"

12th wondered, "Teacher, don't you know how to fly?"

Luo Jie shook his head and said, "I was not flying, I was just floating in the air, I cannot go higher than 5 meters, higher than that.....your teacher don't have that ability. And also, one moves very slow while floating, Haha you think humans can fly like birds?"

12th has seen individual aircrafts in his previous life, so he knew human were capable of flight, even though they were not as flexible as birds, to 12th, humans could definately fly. 12th said seriously, "Yes, teacher I think humans can fly just like birds."

Luo Jie smiled lightly and said fondly, "Perhaps it will be developed by you in the future, Haha, teacher do not have the ability to fly like a bird.....Nan Shan, go up there with 12th first."

Qi Nan Shan agreed and quickly clamped 12th between his arm, he focused his strength on his feet, and suddenly flew up. He slapped on the boulders, turned his body, flew toward other boulders, twisted and turned among the scattered heap of boulders and flew upwards.

It took 10 minutes for the group to arrive at the gap within the cliff. Qi Nan Shan took out a bundle of rope from his Fu Hidden bag, held one end and threw the rest down. He shouted loudly, "Climb up with the rope! Luo Zhan, get some people to bring Huo Bao and the other 3 children up." He then clamped onto 12th and continued climbing upward.

Under the help of two Fu Warrior Masters, Luo Jie also climbed up. Luo Zhan led a couple quick Fu Warrior Masters and carried the four children on their backs whiling climbing up. Nobody dared to slack off at this point. And soon, they reached the gap of the cliff. Fortunately, Qi Nan Shan left another rope there.

It took everyone over two hours to climb up to the peak of the cliff. Soon after they sat down to take a rest, they heard a rumbling sound. The Fu Warriors and Fu Warrior Masters gazed at each other in astonishment, they secretly admired Qi Nan Shan and Luo Jie. The consequences would be devastating if they wasted one hour.

Everyone stood along the edge of the cliff and looked toward the distance, they saw the sandstorm rolling forward. The sandstorm looked like it connected the sky and ground when they were on the ground, but when they stood on top of the cliff, the sandstorm resembled ocean waves, pushing across the land.

There were not many beasts running in front of the sandstorm now, only about a hundred or so and there were a few people who were riding on beasts. In their first encounter with the sandstorm, there were at least ten thousand beasts running in front of it, the beasts has been swallowed up as time went on. The beasts which are currently still running in front of the sandstorm must be the most powerful beasts, most likely Fu Beasts.

Suddenly 12th's eyes were wide opened and he pointed downwards while shouting, "My goodness, such a big lizard!"

Luo Jie looked at where 12th pointed and said in surprise, "There is actually an Earth Dragon here? That.....that is a rare Earth Dragon!"

12th asked, "What is an Earth Dragon?" He thought to himself; this beast looks similar to the lizards of my previous life, only the size was different, this beast is about one hundred meters long. The Earth

Dragon's size was terrifying large when 12th looked down at it from the top of the cliff, the other beasts were only small block dots.

Luo Jie's eyes were shining, he said excitedly, "That is a rare Earth Dragon, it's a natural Fu Great Master..... the treasure of the Mysterious Lands.....Damn, what is that sandstorm? Causing even the Earth Dragon to run away....." Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan looked at each other; they could not help but show a happy expression.

The beasts were about two thousand meters away from the cliff when the Earth Dragon suddenly howled, afterwards a series of crescent-shaped blades of light flew out from it's mouth. Each of the light blades were about 60 to 70 meters wide. After flying out of the Earth Dragon's mouth it began to spin and quickly gained speed, it shot directly into the cliff causing a loud explosion.

Luo Jie shouted, "Be careful, do not get shook off!"

Fortunately the Earth Dragon attacked from far away, if the Earth Dragon attacked where Luo Jie's group was standing, it would be dangerous.

The Earth Dragon continued to launch a series of attacks, but it had little effect, only leaving many big holes on the cliff, it could break the huge rocky cliff.

The Earth Dragon was very smart, it stopped attacking the cliff and ran sideways trying to find a gap within the cliff. With it's large body, it was able to move far with minimal strength, and soon the Earth Dragon found a gap within the cliff and quickly ran towards it.



Luo Jie was suddenly startled, but was able to immediately react. The adult Earth Dragon wanted to flee into the gap, so Luo Jie shouted, "Nan Shan, bring a couple Fu Warrior Masters.....that Earth Dragon is coming! We have to delay it's actions!" What a joke, once the Earth Dragon climbs up the gap, then Luo Jie's group would have nowhere to hide. The strength of the Earth Dragon was extremely strong, Luo Jie could not let it climb up the gap no matter what.

Qi Nan Shan led five Fu Warrior Masters and quickly went over to the opposite side of the gap. The mission Luo Jie gave him was very simple; to push the boulders down the gap to delay the actions of the Earth Dragon, Luo Jie wanted to make the Earth Dragon fall into the sandstorm.

Luo Jie told 12th and the others to stay at the top of the cliff and wait, they were not to participate in the battle, they were not even allowed to watch on the side.

But 12th thought of an idea, he led his teammates to a huge boulder next to the gap. They laid down on top of the boulder only showing half of their heads so they could watch the battle below them.

When the Earth Dragon changed it's escape route, the other beasts and people followed it. They also saw the gap within the cliff and even though there might not be enough time for them to climb up, it was their only hope.

12th saw a beast which looked like a lion, it was probably a Fu Beast and it was swept by the Earth Dragon's tail and flew in the air like a

rubber ball. The lion-like Fu Beast rolled hundreds of meters away, but even after that, the beasts continued to run frantically behind the Earth Dragon.

A thousand meters away, the sandstorm has begun to clash against the cliff causing an earth-shattering boom, the entire mountain began to quake. As if it was getting whipped, the Earth Dragon quickly jumped forward and reached the gap, right after, the Earth Dragon stood up like a human and crashed into a pile of boulders trying to climb up. Looking at the Earth Dragon's agile movements caused 12th to be amazed.

Chen Hong could not help but move closer to 12th, the Earth Dragon was too terrifying. Huo Bao continued to mutter, "The Earth Dragon have a lot of meat.....Ah, if I could kill such a huge Earth Dragon the meat would be enough to feed my hometown for half a year.....Gee....."

Chen Bing's hands were scrambling against the rocks, he stared at the Earth Dragon while biting his lips. His body was slightly trembling, he was both excited and nervous as he stared at the Earth Dragon.

Hong Shi asked quietly, "12th, is Grandpa Luo going to kill the Earth Dragon?"

12th said, "They cannot kill it.....it is too big and is a very rare attack-type Fu Beast, Hmm, it should be a Variant Fu Beast, Teacher and Grandpa Nan Shan.....will be very difficult trying to kill it, unless there were a few Zhou Great Masters."

Hong Shi did not understand and asked, "Then why are they going to kill it?"

12th said, "They are not trying to kill it, they only want to stop the Earth Dragon from running. Only the sandstorm can kill it!"

Hong Shi still did not understand and said, "If they could not kill it, then why are they attacking....." Just as he finished asking he felt something wrong. 12th said patiently, "Once the Earth Dragon escapes up the cliff, we will all be in danger. That is the reason why they have to attack it."

Chen Hong said quietly, "12th, do you think Grandpa could stop it?"

12th sighed and said, "I don't know either, I hope they can or else..... we will get completely annihilated, Haha, no one will leave this Mysterious Land alive."

Chen Hong was frightened and cover her mouth while Huo Bao could not help but turn pale.

Luo Jie stood on a boulder at the edge of the cliff's gap with several Fu Warrior Masters holding onto Fu shields blocking in front of him. His Innate Fu Book floated in front of his chest and he looked at the Earth Dragon with an unusual severe expression. Luo Jie has been into many different Mysterious Lands before, but this was the first time he has ever seen such a huge Variant Earth Dragon.

Qi Nan Shan, together with a couple Fu Warrior Masters were pushing huge boulders, forming several piles of boulders near the gap. At the time when the head of the Earth Drago entered the gap, Luo Jie shouted, "Nan Shan!"

Qi Nan Shan mercilessly pushed off the boulders.

Luo Jie did not directly attack the Earth Dragon because it would not be as effective, he was truly a FuZhou Great Master, he had an abundant of combat experience. His target was a large slope above the Earth Dragon.

The Earth Dragon weighed about a thousand tons, when it rushed into the cliff's gap the effects of the boulders would increase. As the boulders pushed by Qi Nan Shan rolled down the slope, Luo Jie launched an Explosion Attack Fu, causing the slope above the Earth Dragon to suddenly burst open.

Countless boulders rolled down as the Earth Dragon howled desperately. Its four thick legs trampled on the rocks in disarray. Even the boulders which were seven to eight meters in diameter could not be stabilized and rolled down. The sandstorm rushed over from behind and was only a tens of meters away.

The Earth Dragon suddenly turned around and roared in despair as it saw the sandstorm approaching.

## Chapter 8: The Variant Earth Dragon

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12th could clearly see the panic and hopelessness in the Earth Dragon's eyes. The sandstorm was really close now and looking down at it, he could see not only massive amounts of gravel, but there were also streaks of something eerily black. He called out, "Everyone, brace yourselves, the sandstorm is about to hit!"

*Boom!*

A sudden gust of air rushed over, even though 12th and the others were quite far from the sandstorm, they still felt their minds being shaken, much like the feeling of dread at the time of the apocalypse, it's as if all the strength from their bodies dissipated into the air. "Amazing....." 12th muttered, as he fell unconscious.

The Earth Dragon let out an earth-shattering roar, but the loose rocks beneath its claws were constantly moving making it impossible to get a foothold, in addition to its own weight it slid helplessly to the ground. In that moment, the terrifying sandstorm covered it.

While leaning on a Fu Master Luo Jie shouted, "Take me back!" and they retreated while the other Fu Masters used Shield Fu to lead the way. At the same time, Qi Nan Shan also quickly retreated. When the sandstorm reached the cliff it would climb the cliff face up, and he knew that it must not be touched.

Just like a giant wave hitting a large rock but quickly receding after the first hit, the sandstorm did the same. This incredibly long cliff face is just

like that large rock, it blocked the destructive path of the sandstorm.

The Earth Dragon's cry was filled with pain, but suddenly, the cries stopped. Once the sandstorm had completely receded, the Earth Dragon's body was revealed.

12th slowly woke up, he felt as though he has no strength in his body and that his soul was a mess; startled and scared he immediately started to chant. The scripture only had 167 words and each time he spoke one, the sound floated in the air. Waves of sound diffused out. His chanting speed was not only quick but also incredibly clear.

The soul essences, in response to the chanting, began to calm down, what was more interesting was that the strands of the essences scattered throughout the air were being forcibly absorbed. After the third chant they grew into a ring, which made 12th pleasantly surprised. He chanted ten times in quick succession, but the results were less obvious, so he stopped.

Huo Bao and his other companions all lay facedown on the ground, unconscious. 12th took out a water skin and poured the water on their faces, a moment later, they also started waking, each with fear left in their hearts said, "So frightening!"

12th stuck his head out to see the Earth Dragon below the gap, after a brief glance he was left speechless. He exclaimed, "Shit! What *was* that?! It's so powerful!"

The Earth Dragon lay at the bottom of the gap, originally very muscular but now it's body became emaciated, as though it was just the skin

covering the bones and all the meat and flesh had disappeared into thin air. Because of its size, despite just being left with a skeletal structure covered by skin, it still seemed abnormally frightening. 12th excitedly leapt up and yelled, “Master, you’re rich!”

“You guys wait here!”

12th sprinted to where Luo Jie was.

Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan were at the top of the gap, quietly watching the Earth Dragon below, upon hearing 12th recklessly shouting, “Master, you’re rich!”, he couldn’t help but smile. Indeed, as long as they harvested this Earth Dragon, the gains from this escapade would be well beyond what was originally predicted.

A Variant Fu Beast such as this Earth Dragon, in normal circumstances, even if it was Luo Jie and the others who encountered it, they would have stayed as far away from it as possible. This is not something they would want to provoke, even though they are two Great Masters. Unless there were about a dozen Great Masters, and on advantageous grounds, only then would it be possible to challenge this kind of Variant Fu Beast.

“That sandstorm was filled with Death energy, how has it even formed? To think that in such a short time, it can kill an adult Earth Dragon. That was close, had we been caught in it..... It would have been impossible to escape.”

Even Luo Jie was still in a cold sweat, had they not travelled so quickly they would probably already be dead in the sand by now.

Qi Nan Shan very carefully said, “Elder, watch my back, I’m going down to see if that thing is truly dead.” A Great Master’s strength is extraordinary, and with that, they have the ability to carry out the most dangerous of tasks. He speedily dashed down the giant rock in the direction of the Earth Dragon.

Luo Jie called out, “Nan Shan, be careful!” He exhaled his Innate Fu Book, being so alert, he ignored 12th as he arrived.

12th was stunned and couldn’t help but ask, “You mean to say that the Earth Dragon isn’t dead?”

Luo Jie, still watching, said, “Grandpa Nan Shan went to confirm it! We don’t know whether or not the Earth Dragon is really dead.”

In that moment, 12th became nervous, even if there was a single breath left in the Earth Dragon’s body, it would be incredibly difficult to kill. He stared at Qi Nan Shan, silently praying that the Earth Dragon was thoroughly dead. Moments later, he saw Qi Nan Shan stop next to the Earth Dragon’s head, he looked like a small black dot, like an ant next to the head of a man lying down, seemingly very small.

Suddenly, Qi Nan Shan abruptly leapt aside. Seeing the Earth Dragon slightly lift up its head, with a weak growl, it was obvious that it had reached its limits.

Luo Jie expression changed, he said, “That’s a problem, for that Earth Dragon to still be alive..... Its life force must be incredibly strong.” He furrowed his brows. However would be a shame to give up on it, so he



grit his teeth and yelled, “Destroy it! Do not let it escape at all costs! If it regains its strength, we won’t ever have a chance like this again!”

“Luo Zhan, you lead the Fu Masters down to secure it! Take care! Be careful of its attacks.”

Luo Zhan lead the Fu Masters in a quick sprint down.

12th called out, “Uncle Luo, be careful! Don’t be reckless!”

Luo Zhan laughed, saying, “Don’t worry, 12th!”

12th turned and ran to the edge. It doesn’t matter what anyone says, he is also a Fu Warrior, with some degree of ranged combat capabilities, he refused to watch his Masters risk their lives, while he just stands on the sidelines.

Luo Jie didn’t have time to worry about 12th, his attention was solely on the Earth Dragon, even if the Earth Dragon had but half a breath left, it would be wise not to be complacent.

Luo Jie had 8 Fu Warriors protecting him, Qi Nan Shan and the other Fu Warriors all went down. The most powerful attack was executed by Luo Jie, for he is the only one capable of killing the Earth Dragon, the others, even Great Master Qi Nan Shan, would have a hard time killing it, that thing was far too big.

Fortunately, the Earth Dragon’s wounds were grievous, and was already on the verge of collapsing, its life force has almost been sucked

dry by the sandstorm. It strenuously lifted its enormous body, roared, and tried to turn around beneath the pile of rocks, but it was too weak. It breathed so heavily that even at the top of the cliff, 12th could hear it clear as day.

Huo Bao and his other companions finally woke up, they scuffled along next to 12th and each stuck their heads out to watch, glancing briefly, they immediately broke out into cold sweats. Huo Bao said, “Oh my, that Earth Dragon.....what on earth happened to it?”

12th replied, “The sandstorm covered it for less than a minute..... and it became like that.”

They all became dumbfounded, Chen Bing let out a breath saying, “That’s absurd..... To turn such a large Earth Dragon into a Skeletal Earth Dragon..... Too scary, way too scary.....”

Chen Hong quietly asked, “What are Grandpa Nan Shan and the others doing?”

12th replied, “Killing the dragon!”, but quickly added, “Luckily, it’s an already almost dead Earth Dragon, otherwise..... it would be unsure who’s killing who.”

The Earth Dragon struggled to turn its body around, it lay horizontally, you could tell that it wanted to free itself from the pile of rocks. This was the best time to attack, Luo Jie had already been waiting for this moment. As soon as the Earth Dragon revealed itself completely, Luo Jie had already prepared it.

“Ring of Heavenly Thorns!”

This is Luo Jie’s Attack-type Spirit Fu, it has a nice name, ‘Ring of Heavenly Thorns’, it looks like an elliptical ring made of green light, on the ring, there are millions of teeth, similar to a saw, making it very formidable. Luo Jie rarely used a Spirit Fu as powerful as this.

Luo Jie continued to read from his Innate Fu Book, in one breath he sent out 6 Rings of Heavenly Thorns to attack. This Spirit Fu has 16 uses, afterwards it’s left in his Innate Fu Book to recharge.

Six rings of light shot out from his Innate Fu Book, some large some small, they each turned into rings about 5-6 meters in diameter, shooting vertically towards the Earth Dragon’s thick neck.

Originally 12th was planning to help out his Master, but upon seeing the rings of light, not only did his jaw drop, he thought, “Holy shit! What the hell are those things?! What Fu could have such a powerful attack?”

The rings shot through the air with an ear-piercing, howling noise.

The Earth Dragon is not a Variant Fu Beast for nothing, it sensed the danger and desperately tried to move its gigantic body. Usually its large body was quite agile but at the moment it had become a severe hindrance. Feeling utter humiliation, it gave out a desperate roar, a roar filled with unyielding defiance and frustration.

However the Earth Dragon was already at death’s door, no matter how it tried, it couldn’t dodge in time.

The Rings of Heavenly Thorns shot straight at the Earth Dragon's neck. 12th opened his eyes wide and he could clearly see the first ring was like a circular saw, cutting into its neck and then dissipating. A line of blood appeared on the scales of the Earth Dragon's neck. To think that one Ring of Heavenly Thorns could only cut so deep, it's hard to imagine how sturdy the Earth Dragon's scales really are.

The second ring shortly followed, and then the third..... By the time the fourth ring cut into it, the Earth Dragon's tough scales were finally broken through, letting the rings cut deeply into its neck. The fifth ring cut completely into its neck, and the sixth ring cut straight through, coming out the other side.

T/N: Remember the Rings are *vertical* , initially I made the mistake of thinking they were horizontal and was then confused as to why the dragon wasn't decapitated....

Luo Jiu breathed a sigh of relief. This was one of his most powerful Attack-type Spirit Fu, as long as it could penetrate the Earth Dragon's defenses, there's no need to worry about it surviving. Good thing he had this Spirit Fu, otherwise they wouldn't even know how to deal with this Earth Dragon.

The Earth Dragon was hit by 6 Rings of Heavenly Thorns, it was already close to dying, but after suffering this fatal attack, there was even less chance of survival. The giant body started to thrash about, its enormous tail whipped around, surprisingly destroying a giant rock of about 10 diameters.

Qi Nan Shan shouted, “Everyone move!” he gave a long howl, and leapt onto the back of the Earth Dragon, with a long Fu Knife in hand, he immediately thrust it towards the Earth Dragon’s Head.

The Earth Dragon was in such a frenzy by then that it didn’t even notice that somebody was climbing to the top of its head, it only cared about thrashing around.

Qi Nan Shan was very quick, within a few moments he reach the top of the Earth Dragon’s massive head. He raised his Fu Knife, and with a bright flash of green light, along with a shout, he thrust the Fu Knife down violently.

This strike cut straight into the Earth Dragon’s brain. In comparison to the rest of its body the Earth Dragon’s head seemed quite small, however in comparison to Qi Nan Shan, its head was frighteningly large. The strike ended the Earth Dragon’s life, and with a loud crash, it stiffened and collapsed on the ground.

It’s sad that the Earth Dragon died in such a humiliating way, it didn’t even get to make a Fu attack.

12th leapt up with a cheer, which startled Huo Bao into grabbing him so he doesn’t fall off the edge, saying, “12th, be careful not to fall down!”

“Let’s go down!”

The Earth Dragon was priceless. A Variant Earth Dragon, which is also a Fu Beast, has an astronomical value. 12th excitedly ran to Luo Jie’s

side, but found that Luo Jie's face was drenched in cold sweat, worriedly he asked, "Master, why are you....." He didn't know what to say, and thought it best just to take out a piece of cloth and wipe away the sweat from his Master's face.

Luo Jie said, "12th, we were incredibly lucky, haha, that was far too scary!"

12th didn't understand so he asked, "Scary? Master, what's a wise old man like you afraid of? The Earth Dragon is dead isn't it?"

Luo Jie replied, "That's why we were lucky, if the Earth Dragon had even a fraction more of its strength, my Ring of Heavenly Thorns wouldn't have been able to break through its defense. If it was even slightly more conscious, it would have been able to dodge them completely and might even have escaped, haha, we would not have been able to stop it alone."

Now 12th understood, even his own Master had less than 1% confidence in killing it. 12th couldn't help but admire him, you really do get wiser as you get older, his Master grasped this opportunity with such initiative. From deciding to stop the Earth Dragon to personally striking it down, he took that 1% chance and exploited it so well that finally they were victorious, more importantly, there were no casualties.

Luo Jie smiled and said, "Now we can harvest, haha, this is the temptation of the unknown!"

12th followed Luo Jie and climbed down. Once he arrived next to the Earth Dragon's corpse, he couldn't help but awkwardly ask, "how are we

supposed to harvest such a big creature? It'll take months to collect everything from such a large body.”

Smiling, Luo Jie replied, “No need to exaggerate, we'll take it one step at a time, haha, after all it's time to collect the bounty, this is the best moment of our lives! Let's hurry, first extract the purified blood, this time I'll use the 16 Fu Purification Technique so watch carefully.”

12th was stunned, 16 Fu Purification Technique, this is a technique that relies on using the Innate Fu Book, it's a highly advanced Purification Technique. And so he replied, “Yes, Master.”

Huo Bao and his other companions also came down. 12th said, “Huo Bao, you guys go and search the cliff face, I think there should be some loot. To be able to stay ahead of the sandstorm and make it here..... regardless of whether it's man or Fu Beast, they had skill, and they must have left some pretty nice things, go have a look.....”

Luo Jie gave it some thought, and with a happy expression said, “Luo Zhan, come over here!”

Luo Zhan ran over and asked, “Elder, what's the matter?”

Luo Jie smiled and said, “Take some men and search the base of the cliff, look for anything of value.”

12th rolled his eyes and hastily added, “Don't forget that I have a share in whatever you find!”

Luo Jie smiled and jokingly said , “Greedy little boy! Fine, you can take a share.” He patted the Earth Dragon’s corpse and said, “Look at it’s scales, they’re beautiful, they’re naturally covered in Fu patterns.”

“Nan Shan! Nan Shan!”

Qi Nan Shan jumped down from the Dragon and said, “Congratulations, Elder!”

The two let out howls of laughter. Luo Jie said, “I never thought a person as old as me would get to hunt a Fu Beast such as this, haha, oh Nan Shan, help me find the Earth Dragon’s blood vessel and cut it open.” His words were filled with glee.

Qi Nan Shan took his Fu Knife, found the wound made by the Rings of Heavenly Thorns, and said, “We should be able to find it from here, give me a tube!”

Luo Jie took out a refined Fu Tube and handed it to him, saying, “Insert it into the blood vessel, be careful with it.” He then took out a Fu Bottle and gave it to 12th, saying, “After I have purified the blood, collect it in this bottle, one bottle can carry about 300 jin.” (ED: 1 jin=0.5kg if you didn’t know)

12th took the four bottles, and excitedly followed Luo Jie.

Qi Nan Shan took the Fu Tube and stuck one end into the Earth Dragon’s wound. He took his Fu Knife and quickly made an incision in the thick vessel and stuck the tube in, then he called out, “Alright, it’s



done!”

Luo Jie exhaled a breath of silvery fog, summoned his Innate Fu Book, and lightly tapped it. A Fu flew out, followed by another tap, this continued fifteen more times, and sixteen Fu flew out in total and they formed a circle. He called, “Spin!” and those sixteen Fu began to spin. It exerted a sucking force on the Fu Tube and suddenly, blood started spurting forth from it.

“Refine!”

12th held the bottle beneath the sixteen Fu and the purified blood dripped into the bottle. As time went on the drips gradually became a steady flow of blood and eventually started pouring out, like a river, quickly filling up the bottle. 12th diligently watched it for he had three more bottles next to his feet that he needed to swap in at the right time.

The sixteen Fu spun quickly, and massive amounts of mist started to form, that was the waste which was being filtered out.

After about six hours, the four bottles were all full. 12th took out his own bottle, and smiling, he said, “Master, this one’s for me okay?”

Luo Jie agreed saying, “There isn’t much left, you can take what’s left.”

This Fu Bottle was created by 12th himself, it wasn’t as good as Luo Jie’s Fu Bottles. It could hold about 100 jin, give or take. Gradually, the blood flow became smaller and smaller, till it eventually started dripping again. Luo Jie said, “That’s all, it’s a shame..... This Earth Dragon didn’t

have much blood left in the first place, most of it disappeared.”

The Earth Dragon’s body had already largely atrophied, it’s unknown what the sandstorm contained, but to remove all of the flesh from the Earth Dragon, it’s a good thing the sandstorm only hit for a short amount of time, or else there might not have been any blood left at all.

Recalling his sixteen Fu, Luo Jie excitedly took out his giant Fu Knife. To think that he’s going to personally dissect the Earth Dragon, it startled Qi Nan Shan so much that he hurriedly said, “Wait..... wait! Elder, let me..... here, let me, Elder you can just give me instructions, please don’t get too excited!”

12th almost doubled over laughing, and sarcastically said, “Master, as your student, I am in admiration, complete admiration!”

Luo Jie curiously asked, “12th, what are you laughing at?”

12th let out a laugh, and said semi-seriously, “Master, the way you were holding that giant Fu Knife..... it was very frightening!” A hunchbacked old man, raising a giant-ass Fu Knife, is strange no matter how look at it, no wonder 12th started laughing. Not only did Qi Nan Shan not want him to do it, even 12th himself didn’t have the heart to let his Master do this personally.

“This sort of stuff is for us disciples to do, haha, Master, allow me!”

12th went to take the Fu Knife. However he looked even more funny, like a little monkey swinging a massive sword, causing Luo Jie to burst

out in laughter.

Qi Nan Shan gave a sigh and laughed, “You two..... 12th, it’s best if you go rest as well, I don’t have the heart to let a small child do this kind of work.”

“So what if I’m a kid, I can dissect this Earth Dragon.” 12th defiantly stated.

Qi Nan Shan replied, “Alright then, cut open this Earth Dragon’s corpse.”

12th with all of his strength, took the Fu Knife and stabbed it downward. Only to hear a ringing noise as the Fu Knife made a small dent in the scales. Surprised, he exclaimed, “What? How hard is this?!” He tried again and again, but after ten minutes he finally got tired and sat down, in lament, saying “What the hell is this? How is it so hard?”

Qi Nan Shan laughed as he took the Fu Knife, answering, “This is a Variant Earth Dragon! It’s one of the most aggressive Land Fu Beasts! Even if it’s dead, people without skill won’t know what to do with it.”

12th laughed bitterly saying, “It’s because I was rushing, there’s already a wound so all I needed to do was cut from the wound. It would’ve been much easier.”

Qi Nan Shan burst into laughter and carried the Fu Knife to the Earth Dragon’s wound. He said, “It’s a shame the Earth Dragon’s flesh has almost completely atrophied, well the skin and scales are still pretty

nice.”

Luo Jie took a careful look at the scales on the Earth Dragon’s body, each scale was about the size of a person’s face and were three fingers thick, the edges were sharp, and each scale had naturally occurring Fu patterns. He said, “Naturally occurring Fu, no matter what Fu you make with it, it’s always the best type of Fu, haha, there are too many scales on this Earth Dragon to count!”

Qi Nan Shan gave a loud shout, telling everybody to come back. It would be impossible to harvest everything from this giant Earth Dragon by himself. Soon, everybody who went out all returned. Huo Bao said, “12th, there were lots of remains, we didn’t have time to look through it all carefully..... What did Grandpa Nan Shan call us back for?”

12th smiled and said, “Firstly to work, haha, an Earth Dragon as big as this will last us a while!”

The strength related jobs were for the Fu Masters to do, the smaller less strenuous jobs were done by 12th and his four other companions, Luo Jie was giving instructions so he provided a dozen or so large Hidden Fu Bags. Harvesting the Earth Dragon isn’t a job just anyone can do, it required a lot of skill and delicacy, only with the directions Luo Jie was giving were they able to extract everything without destroying something precious.

The things of value on the Earth Dragon’s body were: the blood, scales, skin, ligaments, bones and internal organs. The most useful and the most priceless one of all was the heart. The heart is one of the most important materials needed to create an Innate Fu Book!

“Elder, I’ve found the Earth Dragon’s heart!”

Qi Nan Shan, covered in blood, climbed down from the Earth Dragon’s torso. Luo Jie excitedly said, “12th, Let’s go have a look.”

## Chapter 9: Refined Blood

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12th collected the scales that were scattered around and put them into the Hidden Fu Bag in bundles of ten. The scales were of varying sizes, and even the position on the body they came from affected its uses. For now there was no need to categorize them carefully. He only needed to collect them and put them into the Hidden Fu Bag.

He approached Luo Jie's side and asked, "Master, what are we going to look at?"

Luo Jie excitedly explained, "We're going to look at the Earth Dragon's heart, haha, it's one of the best materials for creating an Innate Fu Book. Let's get closer....." He didn't care at all about getting dirty so he followed Qi Nan Shan and made his way into the Earth Dragon's torso.

12th followed suit as well.

The Earth Dragon's belly had a strong smell of blood but it didn't stink. The three of them went inside the opening that was made, , some of the parts needed to be forced through and because 12th had the smallest body he had to occasionally steady his Master. Luckily the Earth Dragon's insides were very soft so it wouldn't hurt if they accidentally tripped.

After about twenty minutes they reached the Earth Dragon's heart area. There were countless long, thin blood vessels feeding into the heart. Fixed in the middle of the chest was a heart as big as car from his past life.

Luo Jie wiped his face, staring at that enormous heart he said, “Good job Nan Shan, make an incision in the aorta, haha, I have a feeling that there’s still some blood left in there, we might even be able to extract some refined blood, that stuff is incredibly useful.”

Once again, using the 16 Fu Purification Technique, Luo Jie extracted 27 drops of refined blood. Even though the Earth Dragon was so big he could only extract 27 drops of refined blood, however, each of these drops were about the size of an egg, like a piece of ruby. The amazing thing was that these drops of blood were not liquid, but instead were solid.

Luo Jie held a drop of refined blood and gave it to 12th, “Eat it!” he said.

12th took the ruby-like refined blood, inspected it a little and asked, “Master..... is this edible?”

Qi Nan Shan laughed and said, “That’s good stuff! It’s a shame I’m too old so can’t absorb it properly, but you 12th, you’re lucky, if you eat this you can rapidly enhance your body, it’s the equivalent to using Light Fu to enhance your strength except you rarely find something like this anymore.”

12th swallowed it whole without hesitation. It felt like he was swallowing an entire block of ice, chilling as it slid down his throat.

After waiting a while, 12th asked, “It had no effect?”

Luo Jie laughed and said, “What did you expect? That drop of refined blood will be absorbed slowly, did you think that as soon as you ate it you would be as strong as Nan Shan?”

12th laughed bitterly, he knew that he had misunderstood, so he said, “Master, could you give me four more drops of the refined blood?”

Luo Jie asked, “Why do you want so much refined blood? Given your age and body type you can only absorb one drop, there’s no point in giving you more.”

12th laughed and said, “Master, I still have four companions, haha, I wanted to give them each one too.”

Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan shared a glance, with Qi Nan Shan agreeing, “Huh, commendable, not forgetting one’s own friends and companions at a time like this. Come on Elder, give him the four drops.”

Luo Jie reluctantly agreed. “Unbelievable..... haha, oh well, it’s good that 12th has such a kind personality. Give it to them discreetly. Refined blood is only effective on children..... it’s a shame really, this type of refined blood is an essential ingredient in creating Spirit Fu.” he said as he gave 12th the four drops of refined blood.

12th happily thanked his Master and while carefully storing the precious refined blood, he asked, “Master, what about the heart? Are we going to cut it up and eat it?”

Luo Jie gave a hearty laugh, “Good joke, if we ate this heart, we’d



probably be cussed to death by anybody who knew about it. This is an Earth Dragon's heart, the best Natural Fu Heart, how could we do something like that? I am a Great FuZhou Master..... 12th, wait a while, I'll quickly turn this heart into a Fu Heart, haha.”

12th muttered, “Too bad, I bet this heart tastes really good as well.”

Luo Jie pretended not to hear that and prepared a large bottle containing roughly 300 jin's worth of Purifying Liquid. Giving it to Qi Nan Shan, he said, “Insert this into the heart.” He explained why to 12th, saying, “Using this we can wash the Earth Dragon's heart and get rid of any waste substances! This is one of the benefits of being a FuZhou Warrior, for other people, even if they found such a precious heart they wouldn't know what to do with it and would probably have done what you were thinking and ate it.”

As the Purifying Liquid entered the heart large amounts of waste liquid followed the blood vessels and flowed out of the heart, the gigantic heart began to shrink; one after the other the blood vessels started to snap off. After being washed by the Purifying Liquid, the heart shrank to half its original size.

Luo Jie exhaled his Innate Fu Book. The Fu rose from the Innate Fu Book and merged with the heart.

12th watched as it happened. The heart shrank again until it was the size of a tank of water. Luo Jie let out a breath and said, “Alright 12th, the last step is to completely purify it in Fu Flames!”

The heart burst into flames. The Natural Fu Patterns that were on the

heart became more visible as it was completely engulfed in flames. 12th took a few steps back, leaned on a wall of flesh nearby and carefully watched.

Mass amounts of black smoke billowed out, it was completely driven out by the Fu that Luo Jie used.

The heart started shrinking again, less than half an hour later, the once gigantic heart became the size of a fist, it looked just like a heart carved from crystal. Luo Jie reach out and held the heart and said, “Haha, and I receive a Crystal Fu Heart!” Carefully inspecting it he placed the Crystal Fu Heart on his Innate Fu Book, and immediately the Crystal Fu Heart disappeared without a trace, as it was absorbed by the Innate Fu Book. He happily said, “My Innate Fu Book.....it doubled in power!”

“Congratulations Master.” 12th said, then he asked, “Master, what are the other organs of the Earth Dragon used for?”

Luo Jie answered, “They too are good materials, however,they pale in comparison to the heart for the Fu Heart is the best quality material for enhancing an Innate Fu Book. It’s extremely rare..... One must be lucky, have the opportunity, must be skillful and must be powerful to obtain it. All those qualities, think about how hard it is to achieve that.”

Qi Nan Shan said, “Haha congratulations Elder, let’s get out of here, this time our rewards were phenomenal.”

Luo Jie smiled and said, “Not even a mountain can deny us the bounty that Fortune has bestowed upon us.”

12th looked at Luo Jie weirdly, so Luo Jie asked him, “What’s wrong 12th?” To which he replied, “Grandpa Nan Shan..... Look at Master, am I hallucinating?”

“What are you talking about?”

“Master looks a lot younger now!”

Qi Nan Shan said, “You’re kidding! A Fu Heart from an Earth Dragon, once absorbed into his Innate Fu Book, will extend his life by at least 30 years. It would be difficult *not* to look younger!”

Luo Jie gave a gleeful laugh and said, “This is the luck that 12th has brought with him, heh. Ever since 12th became an apprentice of mine, things have gone.....uncannily smoothly.”

12th started sweating profusely, Master had no reason to dote on him, and yet after hearing him say such things, he’s left speechless.

The three of them exited the Earth Dragon’s torso, standing there and looking at each other, they couldn’t help but let out bursts of laughter. The three of them were completely drenched in blood. Luo Jie yelled out, “Luo Zhan, Luo Zhan..... bring us some fresh water to clean ourselves, haha, this is too embarrassing.....” However there wasn’t any sign of an embarrassed expression on his face. On the contrary his expressions were filled with content and joy.

Huo Bao came to 12th’s side and said, “12th, it’s time for you to train us, it’s been too long since last time.”

12th instantly developed a headache, training them wasn't a problem, the problem was training Chen Hong..... Oh what to do? He said, "Wait a moment, call them over but let me wash first, if there's a problem talk to them."

Chen Hong came and filled a bucket with fresh water so 12th could wash his face. Fresh water was very hard to come by here and even though everyone brought plenty of it, the majority of the fresh water was given to the war horses. However because the war horses were now all skeletons, the remaining bit of water would be enough for everyone to use.

Leading the four companions they made their way up to the gap in the cliff. Approaching a large rock, 12th took out the Earth Dragon's refined blood and said, "One each."

Surprised, Chen Hong exclaimed, "Wow! What a beautiful gem!"

Chen Bing inspected the precious refined blood and asked, "What is this? What's it used for?"

12th just smiled and said, "This is some of the refined blood that was purified from the Earth Dragon's heart. Each of you must eat one. This thing can gradually change your body and strengthen it, haha, I got these from my Master."

Stunned, Hong Shi asked, "Are these Refined Blood Pearls? These are legendary treasures!" Without hesitation he swallowed it whole, commenting, "It doesn't really have a taste, just a really cold sensation."

Huo Bao and Chen Bing exchanged a glance and the two of them also swallowed the Refined Blood. Only Chen Hong, holding the Refined Blood Pearl while muttering, “Such a beautiful gem..... It’s so beautiful.....”, was unwilling to eat it.

12th told her, “Best to eat it, there’s no point holding on to it.”

Chen Hong held the Refined Blood Pearl tightly, saying, “Let me look at it a bit more..... I’ll eat it in a bit.”

12th expressionlessly replied, “Alright then, a few days ago we began training, unfortunately, we had to postpone. Today let me train everybody.”

Chen Hong was startled, so much so that she almost dropped the Refined Blood Pearl. She hurriedly swallowed the Refined Blood Pearl with an innocent expression.

12th smiled bitterly inside. Chen Hong was too care-free, he could see it clearly, but, there’s nothing he could do since she herself had asked to follow him, and because he took her in, he had to bear the responsibility of training her. He said, “The good news is..... I received a rare Blood Fu, it’s more powerful than using Light Fu to enhance strength. The bad news is.....I can only train two of you a day.”

It’s as if all of the strength had left Chen Hong’s body, as if her body felt like sitting down softly. She was just like an ostrich, trying to avoid the problem for as long as possible. She didn’t know why, but she was slightly afraid of 12th. Maybe it was because of that time when Aunt

Chen tried to suppress 12th. Not only did she not succeed, she herself was suppressed which left her with a deeply unsettling impression. As a result, she had been afraid of this kid ever since.

In reality 12th was very kind to her. Following the morality of his past life he wouldn't put her in a difficult position and he wouldn't ever take advantage of her, however, he himself was in a difficult position for he didn't know how to treat a delicate little girl like her.

Huo Bao and Hong Shi came first. Using the Blood Fu to enhance their strength meant that they wouldn't need auxiliary help to train. However, there was one aspect of the Blood Fu that was worse than the Light Fu, and that was the fact that using the Blood Fu was far more painful than using the Light Fu.

The next day, 12th trained Chen Bing first, and then Chen Hong.

Huo Bao, Hong Shi and Chen Bing weren't curious like normal, instead the three of them hid quietly behind a giant rock, eavesdropping. They thought that even though they wouldn't be able to see, it might be amusing to eavesdrop on the conversation.

To start, everything was calm, they were just listening to 12th saying, "Let's begin."

"Oh, um..... Ok, r-ready....."

It was a weak little sound, it was even a little shaky.

“Using Blood Fu will most likely hurt..... Definitely more than using the Light Fu, so bear with me!”

“Ok.....I’ll.....I’ll try, I’ll try to bear it.....”

“If it’s too much just shout out..... There’s nobody around to laugh at you.....”

And then everyone heard a small cat-like sound. Huo Bao was uncertain t and quietly asked, “Are there cats around here?” As soon as he asked this, Chen Bing hit him hard. He angrily said, “What cat?! That’s Chen Hong whimpering.....”

Hong Shi said with admiration, “Woah, she’s really something, that much pain and she’s only whimpering so quietly!”

Chen Bing mockingly said, “Not like you, no, when you scream, it’s earth-shattering!”

“Ouch.....Oooh.....ow ow..... Hrrnng, ow ow ow.....”

The three of them looked at each other stunned. Huo Bao asked, “Hey, guys, what is that unearthly sound?” Hong Shi and Chen Bing shook their heads with exasperation, and then Hong Shi asked, “Why aren’t they speaking?”

Twenty minutes later they saw Chen Hong walking out holding back a tear, 12th covered in sweat followed suit, and the two of them looked rather embarrassed.

After the two of them walked some way away, Huo Bao said, “Let’s leave quietly, if 12th finds us here then we’ll be in trouble.....If the next time they train..... Let’s run!” The three of them got chills at the same time. They knew that if they interfered the next time 12th trained, they’d be punished horribly.

12th washed his face, laughing bitterly inside, it was just so bothersome to train a little girl. He took a deep breath, gathered his thoughts and climbed down the cliff.

The giant Earth Dragon had already been completely categorized, the parts had almost all been sorted through, all that was really left was the gigantic skeleton. Pretty much all of the Earth Dragon’s outer flesh had shrivelled, so since it had no use, it was all thrown out. However inside there was quite a lot of fresh meat, all perfectly preserved. These were not only delicacies, but were also immensely nutritious and not available on the market.

All of the skeleton shone with a green hue. The bones were not the normal white colour, but were in fact a pale green which was quite nice to look at. The surface was smooth as a crystal, almost as if it was made of emerald and occasionally Fu Patterns appeared that were barely noticeable. 12th was standing next to one of the Earth Dragon’s ribs, although that rib was relatively small when compared to the rest of the bones, he was only able to wrap his arms around one half of it, it was over ten meters tall so it felt as if it was a giant column.

“Are you worried about being unable to take all of the bones?”



Luo Jie walked over. 12th asked, “How are we gonna move this thing?”

Luo Jie smiled and said, “I won’t waste a single part, haha, all of these bones are of the best quality for creating Bone Fu, even if it’s shards and dust, it can still be purified and used as materials for creating Fu.”

12th then asked, “Master, when are we leaving?”

Luo Jie answered, “Restless are we? Don’t worry, we’ll probably stay for a little while longer. After we’re finished with this Earth Dragon we’ll need to go search the cliff base. There has to be some treasures around, you can tell just by looking at this Earth Dragon. This probably wasn’t the first time that the sandstorm occurred, even if it’s once every decade, there has to be some smaller Fu Beasts lying dead at the base of the cliff so we won’t even need to look very hard. I’m sure we’ll be able to find lots of useful materials.”

12th nodded. Reward for less effort? They couldn’t pass up an opportunity like this. “Master, what do you need me to do?”

Luo Jie replied, “Nothing for now. Although, this Earth Dragon is too big, even if it’s all purified it will still be considerably large so keep some for yourself, anything that you can purify yourself.....you can keep it. Also, for the scales that you collected earlier keep a bag, haha, that stuff is precious.”

A large Hidden Fu Bag can hold tens of thousands of scales, Luo Jie was spoiling his apprentice by handing him a bag for he only had six to begin with.

12th gleefully said, "Thank you Master." Smiling, he received the Hidden Fu Bag.

Luo Jie was the backbone of this little group. He's also the instructor, all resources and rewards obtained are his to assign, because of this 12th received quite a lot of stuff and as soon as it was given to 12th, it didn't count towards the group's collective inventory.

12th called over his companions to start looking for suitable shards of bone, since some of the bones were too big to work with.

Preparing the bigger bones involved processes like Purification, Segmentation and Liquefaction, 12th did not yet have the ability to do these things, so he could only look for the smaller pieces of bone and use the normal Purification Technique. If a Great Fu Master were to see this, 12th would no doubt receive a scolding for it would basically ruin the material. Even so he still obtained quite a lot of bone material for making Fu.

In the pile of large bones that Qi Nan Shan cut down he looked for the smaller shards of bone. He then proceeded to crush them and purify the powder. Using this method 12th was able to purify a couple hundred jin of bone powder, which he could use to create a base for the Fu. This was a great source of revenue because bone powder like this was great for creating Treasure Fu, so if this was taken to a Fu market, its worth would be astronomical, Of course, 12th wasn't stupid enough to sell it, getting materials like this is nothing but wishful thinking for most people.

12th felt like a busy bee hard at work, slowly gathering nectar. His own Hidden Fu Bag was pretty much full so using Hidden Fu to create some Hidden Fu Bags was unavoidable.. Now the five of them were bent over

with around a dozen Hidden Fu Bags each, and on their backs were bags made of Beast Leather which were also full of Hidden Fu Bags.

The rewards this time were amazing, good thing Luo Jie had a larger storage capacity inside his Innate Fu Book, at least three of those pages were specifically for storing priceless artefacts and materials, these three pages were densely packed with Hidden Fu spaces, otherwise they would've had to leave a lot of the materials from this Earth Dragon, which would have been a great waste.

Following Luo Jie's instructions the Earth Dragon had been completely separated, not leaving a single thing that could be useful in any way. After they finished harvesting the parts, the ground was cleaner that it was before.

Luo Jie looked at the empty ground and said contently, "Nan Shan, take ten men east, I'll take the rest west, make three days the limit, no matter what you find start heading back after three days. We'll meet here and then leave this place."

Of course, 12th would follow his Master. They followed the cliff face and throughout the entire journey all they saw were pieces of broken bone. Because they had just sorted through an Earth Dragon nobody was really interested in the skeletons, it's a shame because everybody became rather jaded by the giant Earth Dragon, not caring about the piles of bones around them.

Luo Jie would occasionally pick up a piece of bone, with a sigh he would say, "There's so much bone around, it's a shame that we don't have time to look through it all carefully."

After a couple hours of walking, they found the corpse of a Fu Beast; it was clearly also a victim of this disaster. Its talons were over six meters long, the legs and body were long and thin, it had a head like a bird and a long beak. The bright red beak on it's own was naturally a piece of Fu Material, it could be used to create a pair of greatswords.

Luo Jie said, "This is quite a good normal Fu Beast, haha, to kill this would've taken quite a lot of effort too, but now..... 12th, it's all yours. Have at it."

12th wasn't modest at all and since his Master told him to, then he might as well do it. He took his four companions and started to sort through the Fu Beast. After watching the others sort through the Earth Dragon he already knew how to sort through this Fu Beast both quickly and efficiently. After only a few hours, not even the shit was left from this Fu Beast. The reason why it was so fast was because this Fu Beast only had skin covering its skeleton. All the flesh was gone.

Within three days, they didn't walk too far, in total they had found six Fu Beasts, they also saw a few people from the Beast Raising Fu Sect, they had already become skeleton.

12th took a few Hidden Fu Bags from those corpses. There were all sorts of things inside however the most valuable things were two Fu Books just it was a shame he couldn't find the Fu Keys, there were also a few Fu Scriptures, although they weren't for training, they were actually books introducing the Beast Fu Sect, which were valuable for 12th.

Before six days were up Luo Jie's group had returned to the rendezvous

point. Qi Nan Shan's group were already there, they were all Fu Warriors and had lots of energy and stamina, however, like Luo Jie's group they didn't find anything of real value. Everyone all knew that the real treasures were probably all buried beneath all the bones, but it was impossible to dig them all up, the amount manpower that required was too big.

Luo Jie said, "Once we cross these mountains, who knows what we'll encounter. These lands are very dangerous, even a sandstorm nearly wiped us all out, everyone be careful. Heh, if we can return successfully then this entire escapade will have been worth it."

"Yeah, all the times we've explored the Mysterious Lands, we've always come home empty-handed, haha, this time however..... it's not been long after entering the Mysterious Lands, and we've already gotten ourselves a Variant Earth Dragon! Luck's on our side, it was worth it!" Agreed Qi Nan Shan.

12th curiously asked Luo Zhan, "Uncle Luo, the last times you came into the Mysterious Lands..... You didn't find anything good?"

Luo Zhan smiled and said, "That depends on what the goal and need was to come here. If it was purely to look for materials, then normally speaking there would always be some to find somewhere, however, if we had a specific reason then that gets hard. For example if we were hunting a Variant Fu Beast, going into the Mysterious Lands ten times..... I couldn't be sure if we'd be successful in any of them. Even if we could find a Variant Fu Beast, I wouldn't be certain that we could beat it and we may even have perished in the Mysterious Lands because of it, That's why this time we were incredibly lucky, couldn't you see how much your Master was lamenting?"

A new group of people climbed to the gap in the cliff face, following the mountain path, they walked a while until they found the path to exit the mountain. Along the way, they could gradually see more and more green grass and shrubbery, though sometimes they would even spot little animals scurrying about while there were also birds flying in the sky. It was no longer a barren wasteland around them.

Chen Bing pointed ahead, asking, “What’s that?”

12th squinted his eyes and looked to where he pointed, after a long while, he said, “That should be a small pond because that’s light reflecting.....”

Chen Hong couldn’t help but cheer, “Wow, finally there’s a place full of fresh water! I’m gonna take a bath.....” She suddenly realised that she may have gotten a little carried away and her cheeks started blushing; she hurriedly hid behind 12th.

Luo Jie was unsure, he said, “Nan Shan..... Doesn’t that pond look a little odd to you?”

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Qi Nan Shan thought about it for a while and said, “I don’t see anything wrong with it, although, perhaps it’s best to send a scout ahead while we follow slowly from behind. Even if there’s a problem, as long as it’s not another Variant Fu Beast like that Earth Dragon, it’ll be fine.”

Luo Jie nodded and said, “Men get more cautious as they get older, haha, let’s go.”

Qi Nan Shan said, “Xiao Feng, take a couple of Fu Warriors over..... If there’s danger retreat immediately. Don’t be reckless!”

And so he led two Fu Warriors and hurried over to the oasis.

12th supported Luo Jie by the arm while smiling the entire journey, for his Master was enjoying his disciple’s help. He said, “12th, there shouldn’t be much excitement and action for a while so you should catch up on your studies, don’t neglect them.”

12th said, “Don’t worry Master, I know.”

Luo Jie knew full well that this disciple of his would work extremely hard, as soon as he would stop to rest he’d grab a book and start reading, so Luo Jie smiled and said, “Once you become a FuZhou Master you’ll be able to protect yourself. For now just keep working at it. I’ll make you some Treasure Fu later to help raise your power.”

“Master, we should find a way to get some warhorses because walking is incredibly slow, and should we be met with any danger, fleeing would be difficult.”

Luo Jie nodded and said, “12th, we ought to cross this mountain path first, there won’t be any warhorses around here.”

Xiao Feng’s company returned swiftly and reported, “Elder, there doesn’t seem to be any sign of danger, the oasis is safe!”

Qi Nan Shan said, “Everyone hurry up! We should reach the oasis by tonight to eat, drink and rest.” Everybody cheered and made their way towards the oasis faster.

The oasis wasn’t big, it was surrounded by woods with a stream flowing through it. Since it was a stream the water would be clear and fresh. Qi Nan Shan arrived first and with cupped hands he took a drink, then saying, “This water is good. It’s drinkable.” He raised his head and shouted, “Do *not* wash yourself in this water! First refill our water supply, only *then* can you go wash!”

Chen Hong was already at the banks and almost jumped in. She couldn’t help but feel embarrassed as she hurriedly took out her waterskin to fill.

Everyone at the very least carried two waterskins on them, and most of them could hold up to one cubic metre worth of water. 12th sighed in appreciation of the power and utility of the Hidden Fu, because a waterskin made with a Hidden Fu can hold a lot of water. When used sparingly, it could last two months without issue, it’s very convenient.



Everyone lined up and crouched on the banks and lowered their waterskins into the water. After a moment the water level of the entire oasis lowered by at least an inch.

Chen Hong's hand suddenly shook. 12th, being next to her, asked, "What's wrong?" Chen Hong pointed to a nearby patch of reeds and said, "Is..... Is that a small path?"

Qi Nan Shan was standing fairly close, and in surprise, leapt over and went towards the patch of reeds. He inspected it for a moment and said, "You're right, this is a small path and there are even human footprints. This is not a path created by wild beasts!"

Luo Jie also hurried over. 12th wondered to himself curiously, "How can there be people around here?" so he followed over as well. Soon most of the travelling group had gathered around the small path.

12th announced, "There's only one person!"

"Not bad," agreed Luo Jie, "there is only one person. Let's follow this path and see where it leads to see what kind of person lives around here. Everyone be on alert, but not so much that you'll offend anyone, for to be able to live in the Mysterious Lands for so long is not an easy task. I don't want any unnecessary trouble."

Qi Nan Shan said, "Elder and I will go. You stay here and wait. Luo Zhan you're in charge while we're gone. Xiao Feng, take a Fu Warrior and follow us."

12th raised his hand and bursted out, "I want to go too!" His curiosity was strong, and it'll be safe with his Master.

Luo Jie said, "Alright, 12th you can come too." 12th hurriedly ran to his side. Being favoured was a nice feeling and despite it being his third incarnation, he still enjoyed this feeling.

The small path led them to the woods and passing through them they came across a cliff. They continued along the cliff and not long thereafter they saw a large crack in the cliff; the small path vanished into the crack. Xia Feng quickly entered the crack, and moments later, he came out and waved everyone in, saying, "There's no danger, come inside!"

They entered the cliff from that crack and not far inside was a valley. After a few steps Luo Jie stopped and asked, "Is that a house?"

12th saw a roof made from thatch. He said, "That's a thatched house!"

Soon everyone could clearly see the thatched house and there was even bamboo fencing with some chickens clucking around inside, eating.

Qi Nan Shan stood outside the fence and asked, "Anybody home?"

A voice came from the thatched house which said, "Come in, who are you people?" and a man walked out of the thatched house.

He was a very handsome young man, although he seemed a little frail,

and the contours on his face are rather soft, his eyes showed wisdom and calm. Those eyes were nothing like that of a young person, there wasn't passion or enthusiasm, but instead there was wisdom and knowledge. He wore a grey toga, with a rope around his waist.

Luo Jie said, "Pardon our intrusion, we were just passing by. Haha, meeting people is fated so we thought it best to come and greet you."

The man smiled and said, "Come inside and have some tea."

12th became startled because in the entire North Fu Sect, there was not a single person who drank tea, there wasn't even a single person who mentioned tea and yet, in the Mysterious Lands, a young man invited everyone in for a cup of tea. This made 12th quite excited. How did this person know about tea?

Luo Jie bowed, saying, "Thank you." and so everyone followed that young man into the thatched house. Once inside it was different from everyone's expectations. From the outside the thatched house was plain, simple and a little boring, however inside..... The inside was a very open space that had floors made of white marble, walls pale as snow, and there was a rug made from some skin that was underneath a marble table.

The man smiled and invited everyone to sit. He said, "Let me introduce myself. I'm called Li Ran."

Likewise Luo Jie introduced everybody. Li Ran was obviously quite interested in 12th and asked, "How old are you 12th?"

Li Ran fluidly brushed over the marble table and a tea set appeared. It was the same kind as the tea set that 12th has seen in his past life, one pot and six cups. Luo Jie has never seen a tea set before and asked, “What is this? It’s exquisite!”

12th answered, “This is a tea set, it’s used for drinking tea.”

Surprised, Li Ran asked, “You know about tea sets?” He took out a block of tea leaves, and asked, “Do you know what tea this is?”

12th took it and sniffed, replying, “This should be fermented tea leaves – is it Black Tea?”

Li Ran became even more curious, “Correct, this is Black Tea. This is relaxing Black Tea, haha, who’d have thought I’d meet a tea friend. Since you know what tea this is do you know how to prepare it?”

In his past life 12th was a regular at a tea house, although not proficient, he knew the basics. He took out a block of tea leaves and rinsed it with boiled water. Washing tea like this is to get rid of any impurities and bitterness, and then he placed it in the pot with boiled water. After soaking for a few minutes he poured the tea into the cups, smiled, and said, “Alright, haha, this is the way that I prepare tea.”

Li Ran smiled, “Not bad, alright let’s drink.” He lifted a cup and signalled the others to do so as well.

In his past life 12th was addicted to tea so, without modesty, he took his cup and downed it in one go. Wiping his mouth he said, “Wow this

tea is pretty good. It's got the scent of an orchid..... the taste is pretty good too, mellow and sweet, the colour is a vivid red, amazing.....”

Li Ran was stunned. Only old tea experts could describe tea like that. Luo Jie and everybody else took a sip and had a strange look on their faces. It was obvious that they had never encountered tea before whereas 12th's face was filled with genuine glee, it couldn't be faked, it was an expression from the heart.

12th asked, “Brother Li, have you got other teas?”

Smiling, Li Ran said, “Brother Li? Haha, I've lived almost 600 years and a nine year old boy called me brother, how amusing..... oh well, why not. Alright little brother, it's a good thing you're a tea friend.”

Luo Jie was stunned for a second, 600 years! That's incredible.

Disbelieving, 12th said, “Alright Brother Li, stop joking, you look far younger than my Master how could you be 600 years old.....”

However, Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan believed him for the two of them knew that in the Mysterious Lands there lived a man of legend. He rarely appeared before other people, and even if he did, nobody would know. This man was said man of legend who lived in in seclusion in the Mysterious Lands!

Luo Jie said, “Don't be rude 12th.”

Li Ran waved it off, “Not a problem, this little guy is very interesting. I

have quite a lot of tea. Think you can name them all?” by just touching the table three silver jars appeared. Tea is best stored in silver or tin jars, however it’s actually best to store it in gold jars, but gold is too expensive.

12th took a silver jar and after opening he noticed that the inside was lined with gold. He took a sniff, and excited said, “Haha, Oolong tea? This is Oolong..... Wait, no, that’s not right. Hmmm. I can’t say for sure..... but is this Oolong Tea?”

Li Ran stared at 12th, saying, “Oh you know Oolong tea? Haha, this is beyond expectation..... You don’t need to look at the others, I know you’ll be able to recognise them too.”

12th thought with some doubt, “Could this man be from the past eras, from his original home?” He didn’t dare ask, nor did he want to. Li Ran didn’t say any more either, only thoughtfully watching him, his interest towards 12th obviously showing.

Luo Jie didn’t care for why 12th knew so much about tea, he said, “Li.....” In the moment, he forgot that the man’s name was Li Ran.

Li Ran replied, “Call me Li Ran.”

Luo Jie laughed a little and asked, “Li Ran, a question..... what kind of place can we expect when we cross over this mountain?”

Li Ran smiled, “You came from the Valley of Death? Your luck is pretty good.”

(T/N: I didn't want to use the same name as a real location irl, but that's the best translation for it. Don't imagine as just a desert that's really hot though, it is literally a place where if you go there you'll most likely die.)

Surprised, Luo Jie said, "That was the Valley of Death? Then..... what was that sandstorm?" He was always suspicious of that sandstorm, what with its mysterious nature and unbelievable destructive power.

"Sandstorm? Oh..... that. That wasn't a sandstorm it was a gale filled with death energy. One touch and you die. You guys were lucky not to have encountered it, but, if you had....."

"Gale of death energy?"

Li Ran explained, "It's called a Death Storm, no living creature can survive inside it, the death energy laced in the tempestuous winds can rapidly annihilate all life."

12th said, "We did encounter it, haha, we ran fast though and got away unharmed."

"You guys were lucky."

"What's on the other side of the mountain?" asked Luo Jie.

Li Ran replied, "The other side..... haha." He looked over everyone and said, "With your skills you could probably make it, but be very careful it's quite the mess over there because lots of powerful people went there to

hunt. Going there..... is a little dangerous.”

Luo Jie furrowed his brow and asked, “Hunters? Who are they?”

Li Ran answered, “They aren’t from around here, they came from a different place. You guys are also people who use FuZhou right? It’s a shame really.....”

12th confused, asked, “Brother Li, what’s a shame?”

Li Ran smiled slightly, and said, “Nothing..... You’ll find out in the future. Right now you’re too young, even your Master..... isn’t strong enough.”

12th didn’t believe him. Luo Jie was a Great FuZhou Master, they were the most powerful people alive and yet Li Ran said that he isn’t strong enough. If that was the case then how strong would strong enough be?

Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan didn’t seem offended, in fact, the two of them seemed to accept his wisdom knowing that Li Ran wouldn’t spout nonsense. If he really was 600 years old then he must be incredibly powerful.

12th wondered, “Another place? What other place?”

Li Ran couldn’t help but smile, he noticed that this little guy was really smart, so he asked, “Can’t figure it out?”



12th nodded and truthfully said, “No, I don’t know.”

Li Ran, still smiling, took the teapot and placed it in the middle of the marble table and said, “Imagine, that this is a mountain.....” He then took two teacups, placed them on either side of the teapot, and said, “This cup represents the place where you live, and this mountain is the Mysterious Lands. You guys came from this cup to the teapot, however the other cup..... The people from there can get to the teapot too. Do you understand?”

12th, struck with sudden realisation, asked, “This place is public?”

Li Ran smiled and said, “Haha, not bad, this place is indeed a public area for anyone can get in.”

12th quickly realised an important problem so he asked, “We came here..... because we accidentally found an entrance to the Mysterious Lands. Are the other like us too?”

Luo Jie suddenly realised it too. This question hit the nail on the head.

Li Ran replied, “They can come and go as they please.”

12th asked, “Brother Li, can you do that too?”

Li Ran laughed, “Of course you’d be the one to ask, little boy! Not only can I leave, I can also.....” He took the other four cups, placed them beside the teapot, and said, “..... I can also freely enter each of the..... cups, as long as I know it’s there. Do you understand?”

12th realised the meaning behind what Li Ran was saying. The Mysterious Lands crossed multiple worlds, so he asked, “How is this possible?”

Li Ran smiled and replied, “Why can’t it be possible?”

12th scratched his head and said, “This world is so fucking crazy.”

(T/L: I’m sure many of you would like to know that “fucking” when used as an adjective, translated to mandarin and back, will mean “His mother”, or “Of his mother”. (Only in adjective form))

Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan shared a glance and but couldn’t help but smile bitterly. They understood too, and they were likewise astonished. Had they not met with Li Ran they might never have found out about this secret.

Qi Nan Shan asked, “Mister Li, if you don’t mind my asking..... How did you get into the Mysterious Lands? You don’t have to answer if you don’t want to, I don’t mean to pry.”

Li Ran found this quite funny, he replied, “It’s not like this is some sort of secret, it’s quite easy to come and go from the Mysterious Lands, and that’s just by using a small Fu Door. Strange..... Surely you know about Fu Doors?”

Luo Jie’s face flushed red as he said, “Honestly, we don’t know what Fu Doors are. I’ve been to many Mysterious Lands but this is the first I’ve

heard of a Fu Door.....”

Li Ran explained, “There are many types of Mysterious Lands: stationary ones, others moving, some that appear out of nowhere..... it’s beyond count. However there is one type that is rarely seen, and that is the Enchanted Mysterious Lands, haha, lucky for you because you’re currently inside the Enchanted Mysterious Lands. This place can grant thoroughfare to many places and if you had a Fu Door, you could reach many more places.”

Everyone realised the connotations of this information so everyone was eager to find one of these Fu Doors.

12th couldn’t hold back his frustration anymore, so he asked, “Brother Li, where can we get a Fu Door or how could we create one?”

Li Ran smiled, “Fu Doors aren’t worth much money, although for you guys it’s probably worth a lot, haha. In fact I have quite a few Fu Doors here, however I can’t give them to you.”

Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan shared a bitter laugh.

12th on the other hand became excited, asking, “Oh you can’t give us one? Does that mean you’re willing to sell?”

Li Ran nodded, smiled and said, “Correct. I am willing to sell, but not for any currency. If you can give me something tempting then I’ll give you a Fu Door in exchange for it.”

12th thought about what he carried on his person and couldn't help but feel a little discouraged. He knew that he didn't own anything of value, so thinking it over for a moment, he asked, "Brother Li, what do you need?"

Li Ran laughed and answered, "Materials from a Variant Fu Beast of fifth level or higher, Spirit Fu, or Ancient Fu..... I don't think you guys would have any True Treasure Fu, and as for True Spirit Fu..... Well that's even less likely."

12th got excited as he brought out a few of the Earth Dragon's bones he was carrying, and asked, "What level of Variant Fu Beast is this bone from?"

Surprised, Li Ran exclaimed, "What's this? You guys actually hunted a seventh level Variant Fu Beast? This is a deal!"

12th hurriedly added, "We didn't hunt this. We looted this so we don't have much."

Luo Jie and Qi Nan Shan quietly let out a breath, afraid that he'd reveal the fact that they dismembered an entire Earth Dragon. Good thing that 12th was cunning. In the Valley of Death the ground was covered in bones, so to be able to find a few bones from a seventh level Variant Fu Beast is normal.

12th brought out a small pile of bones, some large, some small. The large ones were the size of a face, the small ones were about the size of a food plate. These had all been somewhat sorted through beforehand.

Li Ran sighed, “To find these lying around..... I sure admire your luck, haha. A seventh level Variant Fu Beast, even I would need help to kill one, the real issue here is actually finding such a high level Fu Beast..... Alright, it’s a deal, I’ll make the exchange! For all of these Fu Bones I can give you four Fu Doors, haha of course if you don’t need that many Fu Doors you can also choose something else. I’ve also got Spirit Fu and Ancient Fu.”

12th said, “I only need one, Master you choose the rest.”

Luo Jie was a little uncomfortable for in his Hidden Fu Bag were mass amounts of materials from the Earth Dragon, but he was afraid to reveal it. Good thing his little disciple was smart, not making Li Ran suspicious, for now all he could do was use what 12th already brought out for the exchange. He said, “I also only need one. We can trade the rest for Ancient Fu.”

Li Ran smiled, “For the remaining bones you can either trade for two Spirit Fu or only one Ancient Fu. Are you sure that’s what you want?”

Ancient Fu outclassed Spirit Fu by a lot, even if it was a Great FuZhou Master using the Ancient Fu, it still took a lot of energy. Ancient Fu is a type of FuZhou that has immense power, and in the North Fu Sect Ancient Fu are regarded as the most powerful, and valuable, Fu.

Luo Jie nodded, “Yes, the rest of the bones in exchange for an Ancient Fu.”

Li Ran put away the Spirit Fu. Touching the marble table with his hand caused a row of Ancient Fu to appear. Luo Jie stared with his eyes

wide in shock; it was amazing. In the North Fu Sect no matter who got an Ancient Fu, they all hid it securely, afraid that somebody might find out. And yet, Li Ran took out a whole row of Ancient Fu. As he said, “Take your pick, haha, however I won’t say what Ancient Fu you pick till after the exchange is done, then I’ll tell you how to use it.”

12th piteously looked at Li Ran with a sigh, saying, “I don’t even have an Innate Fu, Brother Li, do you have a good Innate Fu lying around?”

Li Ran smiled, “Of course! What will you offer in exchange?”

Where could 12th find anything to trade for it? He thought for a while and said, “Brother Li, what if..... I made you a meal? If you like it you can give me the Innate Fu, if you don’t well then nevermind!”

Li Ran asked, “Is it Fu Food?”

**(E/D:** I wonder if it’s like normal food but with glowing symbols on it?)

**(T/L:** Sure why not. kek)

“Well it’s not exactly Fu Food..... I can’t really explain what it is, but you’ll know once you eat it, so wanna try? It’s really tasty!” he replied, trying to tempt him.

Li Ran nonchalantly replied, “Sure, why not. Although if I don’t like it, you’ll have wasted this opportunity.”

12th was ecstatic, to have this opportunity is better than not. He immediately asked Xiao Feng, “Uncle Feng, could you go get a Hidden Fu Bag from Chen Hong for me please? Tell her it’s the one with the culinary set.”

Qi Nan Shan said, “Xiao Feng, while you’re at it tell everyone we’re safe here, and that they should rest at the oasis.”

Agreeing, Xiao Feng turned and left.

Luo Jie’s face was filled with a bitter smile as he looked at the row of Ancient Fu on the marble table. This is a difficult choice, each Ancient Fu is vastly different, who know what type of Ancient Fu these are. He counted a total of eight Ancient Fu. He sighed and said, “Damn, this is hard..... Can you give us a little hint?”

Li Ran silently shook his head. Luo Jie gave a long sigh, this was too stressful, he clenched his teeth and said, “12th, come help you Master choose, pick any Fu..... Master has faith in your luck.”

12th wrinkled his eyebrows, if he chose an Ancient Fu that is incompatible, Master would be sad. He said, “Master, I don’t think this has much to do with luck.....”

Luo Jie said, “Nonsense! Hurry and pick one!”

12th helplessly stuck out his hand to randomly grab an Ancient Fu, but suddenly felt a strange fluctuation in his soul, as if it was laughing. He immediately shifted his hand, and in that moment he sensed a feeling of

unease. This was the one. He grabbed it in his hand and said, “For better or for worse, I choose this one!”

**(T/N:** I so wanted to say: “I choose you!”)

**(E/D:** Pikachu!)

Li Ran couldn't help but shake his head, saying, “Luo Jie, I do believe that 12th's luck is better than yours. His choice was..... decent.”

Luo Jie gleefully asked, “What type of Ancient Fu is it?”